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'Bourguiba is free' TUNIS (R) - President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali of Tunista had a

reconciliation meeting with his ousted predecessor, Habib Bourguiba, at the presidential palace Sunday and told him he was a free man. It was their first encounter since the morning of Nov. 7, 1987, when Ben Ali, then prime minister, removed Bourguiba from power on the grounds that be was scalle and incapable of continuing to govern. Bourguiba, now in his late 80s, had been president of Tunisia for more than three decades. He has been living in retirement in a government house in his coastal hometown of Monastir. The authorities have vetted his visitors and restricted his eedom of movement. But Ben Ali told him Sunday: "You are free to go where you like, you can receive whoever you like and it is the duty of the administration to ensure your security," the official news agency TAP reported. Official sources sald Bourguiba had asked for the meeting Saturday. He was coming to Tunis anyway for a medical eheck-up. Ben All, who is 30 years his junior, met him on the palace steps, embraced him and took him inside for a 30-minute meeting in one of the sitting-rooms, they said. "It's a sign of a reconciliation and it confirms that from now on the former president has the status of a free citizen," one presidential official

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otres) in fa ALGIERS (R) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat held t hospital pe of a scool talics with the prime minister of and reune rveriy iceland Saturday - in the first official contact between the two d Dean Me sides. Steingrimmer Hermannsson told Reuters after the meeting, "I Wo packet was very pleased to bear Arafat repeat his previous statements against terrorism and that Israel n he first le has to be recognised and sccored." "I assured Arafat that lociand supports the self-determination of the Palestinian people and strongly opposes the violations of human rights which are occurring in the occupied territories." Hermanusson said Arafat appeared to be very worned about the outcome for Mid-CA, Cat ole East peace if hardliners remained in power in Israel.

Mongolian leaders arrive in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) - Mongolia's president and its Communist Parleader arrived in the Soviet Union Sunday for talks expected to focus on the political and social reforms under way in both nations. President Punsalmasgun Ochirbat and Communist Party General Secretary Gombogavyn Ochirbat, both in office since March, were met by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport, the TASS news agency reported. Mongolia, which has been ruled for nearly seven de-cades by the Communist Party and long has been dependent on the Soviet Union for political guidance and economic assistance. was swept by reforms this year.

Sammy Davis Jr. said dying

LOS ANGELES (R) — Close friends Sunday called on Sammy Davis Jr. said by his doctor to be dying of throat cancer, while fans stood vigil outside his Beverly Hills home. "Sammy is resting comfortably with his loved ones round him, and that is the way he vants it," said Davis' physician Dr. Irving Posalski. Davis, 64, returned home from Cedars Sinai Hospital March 13 to be with his third wife, Altovise, after undergoing eight weeks of chemotherapy. The couple recently adopted a 13-year-old boy, Manny. Flowers and letters from well-wishers He left me are pointing into the Davis home, said his press agent, Susan bate in 🌬

Ten save drug ring smashed

NICOSIA (AP) - Iranian Revolutionary Guards smashed an international drug ring, arresting nine smugglers and seizing 500 kilos of morphine, the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported Sunday. The agency, monitored in Cyprus, said the traffickers were seized at a village on the outskirts of Oromiyeh in the province of west Azerbaijan in northwestern Iran. It quoted a guards official as saying the ringthe sore in England leaders of the gang were based in Turkey, naming them as Borzu Farroukhi, Hussein Sayyad and Salim Sayyad. It was not clear whether they were among those arrested. The official said the gang has smuggled at least two tons of narcotics to Turkey and Europe via Pakistan and Iran. Iranian authorities launched a big crackdown on drug smugglers 11/2 years ago. More than 100 convicted smugglers have been executed this year alone.

Tunisian islamists held after clashes

TUMS (R) - Tuninian police arrested dozens of Muslim fundamentalists Saturday and Sunday after clashes overnight in the north Tunis suburb of Ben Khalthe some down, sources close to the Islamic movement said. Witnesses said the clashes broke out when the fundamentalists were leaving a mosque where an Islamist teacher had been lecturing. The fundamentalists set fire to a police vehicle and a policeman was injured, they said. Police brought in reinforcements and fired teargas but fighting continued until after midnight, they added. The area was calm again Sunday

All set for 'right of return' march

By Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The final recommendations of the Arab professional associations meeting which ended here Sunday will be read today at the King Hussein Bridge across the River Jordan at the end of a "right of return" march which is expected to draw 20,000 participants from all over the Kingdom.

The march, organised by Fordanian professional associations, has received support from the united leadership of the Palestinian uprising in a communique issued in the past few

Palestinian sources told the Jordan Times Sunday that the united lendership of the intifada has called for "escalating confrontation against the occupation authorities on May 12, 13 and 14 in support of the 'right of return'

The marchers will carry Jordaman and Palestinian flags as well as banners emphasising the Palestinians' right to return to their homeland and to establish an independent Palestinian state and denouncing the growing influx of Soviet Jewish immigrants into the Israeli-occupied terri-

"The will of the people is the strongest weapon against the enemy and your participation is a manifestation of this will," an advertisement appearing in local Arabic newspapers said.

Although many observers expected a low turnout today because it is a regular working day, organisers of the march and several political figures estimate a "minimum of 20,000 people" to

"If this march was held on a Friday or a holiday hundreds of thousands of people would participate in it," contended a young man, who said his request for a day off from his company was rejected.

Preparations for the march. which will start at 10 a.m. at the pilgrims' city in the Ghor's Nimrin Valley, include transportation provided by the different professional associations as well as several public organisations (see route map and details on page 3).

Many depaties and political perso-nalities representing various ideolo-gies have also placed advertisements in local newspapers calling on their constituents and supporters to participate in the march.

"Let us raise our voices in support of the Palestinian uprising and de-(Continued on page 5)

King receives summit

AMMAN (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday received an invitation from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to attend an emergency Arab summit scheduled to be held in Baghdad May 28.

The invitation was conveyed to King Hussein by Iraqi Justice Minister Akram Abdul Qader Ali, who arrived here Sunday.

President Hussein Sunday sent a number of ministers to the various Arab capitals carrying invitations to their respective leaders to attend the summit.

The Iraqi News Agency said Transport Minister Mohammad Hamza Al Zubeidi carried a summit invitation from President Hussein "addressed to his brother, Libyan President Muammar Qadhafi."

Libya has not yet said whether it will attend the summit, called to debate the exodus of Soviet Jews to Israel. Syria refuses to attend if the summit is held in Baghdad.

The agency said the minister had a similar invitation for Mauritania's President Maaouya Ould Sid'ahmad Taya.

Eighteen of the Arab League's 22 members have agreed to attend the summit, two days before a meeting in Washington between President. George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev.

Baghdad secured important backing when King Fahd of Saudi Arabia agreed to attend in person, following a visit to Riyadh Saturday by Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz.

Syrian newspapers Sunda criticised the proposed summit and one said the Syrian boycott would make the meeting meaningless.

"We in Syria, in our belief that any Arab meeting should be effective, feel the proposed summit will be no more than a propaganda action lacking any effectiveness because differences still exist (among Arabs)," said the official daily Al Baath,

"It is natural that Syria will not take part and the summit will lose its meaning with Syria's absence," contended Tishreen news-

Tishreen listed six issues besides Jewish emigration which it said a summit should tackle:

'Unilateral deals" and attempts to split the Arab camp in its conflict with Israel.

- Pressure by Zionists on Washington to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and support Jewish settlements in the Israeli-occupied territories. - The hardline attitude of the

Israeli government towards - Support for the 29-monthold Palestinian uprising in the occupied lands and for Arab

states bordering Israel. - Arab solidarity in dealings with the rest of the world.

Lebanon's civil war.

PLO had been strained over

the issue of massive immigra-

tion of Soviet Jews to Israel, In

recent weeks, PLO officials

levelled unprecedented critic-

ism against Moscow's role en-

couraging Soviet Jewish im-

"I do not see any serious

problem between us and the

In an earlier interview with

the Jordan News Agency, Pet-

ra, Andropov revealed that

Moscow was studying a request

by the PLO to allow Soviet

Jews to retain their Soviet

passports so that they can re-

turn to their native land any

time in the future. Asked why

this measure was not taken

prior to the beginning of the

recent massive influx of Soviet

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PLO," Andropov said.

migration to Israel.

invitation

His Majesty King Hussein Sunday receives Gambian President Dawda Jawara upon the president's arrival here on a state visit (Photo by Yousef Al 'Alian).

King, Jawara discuss Mideast, Africa issues

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein and Gambian President Dawda Jawara Sunday discussed the situation in the Middle East and Africa with particular focus on the issues to be addressed, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported.

The King and the Gambian leader, who arrived here early Sunday on a state visit, discussed bilateral ties and scopes of cooperation in light of the latest international developments and changes. Petra said.

The Associated Press reported that Jordan and Gambia were expected to establish diplomatic relations during Jawara's visit to the Kingdom.

Petra said that during his talks with the visiting leader, the King paid tribute to Gambia's position vis-a-vis issues of the Middle East. The King stressed the importance of futher bolstering Jordan's relations with Gambia in view of the African country's status in the Organisation of Isla-

mic Conference and the Western Africa Cooperation Council.

Jawara praised the King's leadership and noted Jordan's achievements in development. Petra said. The Jordanian experience in various fields enjoy the full appreciation of not only Gambia but also other African countries, he was quoted as saying by Petra.

The talks were attended on the Jordanian side by Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, King Hussein's Political Advisor Adnan Abu Odeh, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ben Za'id, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Oasem and Culture Minister Khalid Karaki. On the Gambian side, the talks were attended by the foreign minister, the cabinet's secretary general, the Gambian ambassador to Saudi Arabia, the army commander and the first assistant to the foreign minister. Jawara was given a state we!-

come upon his arrival. Jawara and his wife were greeted by King Hussein, cabinet ministers and high-level officials.

Aziz in

Rome to

O'Connor blasts hospice seizure

NEW YORK (Agencies) - New salem is obscene. In my judghas condemned as obscene a Jewish settlement in the Christian Quarter of Jerusalem and said the Israeli government acted reprehensibly by helping to fund the

In his weekly column in a newspaper published by the New York Archdiocese, O'Connor said that some Catholics perceived the settlement as "a signal of a conspiracy to grab lands all over Israel currently occupied by Christians."

American Jewish leaders denounced O'Connor's remarks as "shocking and provocative," and said they could cause tensions between Christian and Jewish communities both in the United

"What has happened in Jeru-

Shamir forms a new Israeli gov-

ernment, he will adopt tougher

policy guidelines which an aide

said Sunday will specifically ex-

clude occupied Arab Jerusalem

from the agenda of Arab-Israeli

Jerusalem will not be part of the

autonomy" envisioned for the

Palestinians in the occupied West

"It (the new policy) says that

peace talks.

York's highest-ranking Catholic ment, the Israeli government has cleric, Cardinal John O'Connor acted reprehensibly," wrote New York. He cited charges that the Israelis are "speeding up... a design to make it virtually impossible for Christians to function anywhere in the land." The settlements in a hospice owned by the Greek Orthodox Church was the first in the Christian Quarter of Jerusalem's walled Old City since Israel occupied the area along with the rest of East Jerusalem in 1967.

Jewish groups, including many which have sharply criticised the Jewish groups that had voiced settlement in the Christian quarter, reacted angrily to O'Connor's remarks, especially his comments that there are "perceptions ant of or insensitive to "the on the part of some that the move of the settlers is only a signal of a of what the incident implies and conspiracy to grab land all over

Shamir's 'peace guidelines'

The liberal Haaretz daily said

the new Jerusalem policy was

part of the 32-paragraph set of

guidelines drawn up in recent

days for a new government by

Justice Minister Dan Meridor and

The guidelines, which stress

that a "united Jerusalem" is

"Israel's eternal capital," would

cabinet minister Moshe Nissim.

exclude Arab Jerusalem



John O'Connor

Israel currently occupied by Christians.'

O'Connor praised Jerusalem's Teddy Koliek, and Americanprotests against the settlement, but said that the Israel government appeared to be either ignorperceptions by many Christians

Israeli-proposed elections for the

West Bank and Gaza Strip, the

The guidelines will likely com-

plicate U.S. Secretary of State

James Baker's efforts to start a

led for elections to choose

Palestinian representatives who

would negotiate an "autonomy"

Israel's May 1989 initiative cal-

Palestinian-Israeli dialogue.

newspaper said.

meet U.N. chief ROME (Agencies) - Iraqi Fore-

ign Minister Tareq Aziz and U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar arrived in Rome Sunday for talks later in the week on the "no-peace-no-war" deadlock that followed the Gulf war.

Airport officials said Aziz and Perez de Cuellar arrived on separate planes at Ciampino military airport within about 30 minutes of each other. They were not thought to have met there.

Aziz told the Iraqi News Agency the meeting Monday would discuss "proposals made by Perez de Cuellar to arrange for a new round of direct talks between

Iraq and Iran." Iran's fundamentalist leaders displayed open interest this week in a message from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein which called for face-to-face talks with President

Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. According to regional press reports, the Iraqi message also suggested that negotiations over border issues could begin from the Algeiers accord - a 1975 pact which Iraq declared null and void shortly before the start of the 1980-88 war.

Rafsanjani said last week that he saw "some signs" of good intentions from Iraq The Tehran Times, which re-

flects the president's thinking, said the Iraqi letter raised hopes and Aziz's meeting with the U.N. secretary-general would give Baghdad a chance to show whether it was sincere. In Ittalian Foreign Ministry

spokesman said Peres de Cuellar was finishing a two-week European tour in Rome. He was expected to meet Aziz, on a private visit, to discuss the stalemate in the Iraq-Iran peace process

Bank and Gaza Strip, said an aide also bar the Palestinian residents (Continued on page 5) Baltic republics appeal to Gorbachev for negotiations

TALLINN (Agencies) — Leaders of the three Baltic republics have urged President Mikhail Gorbachev to hold joint talks with them on independence following their weekend meeting, Estonian Foreign Minister Lennart Meri said Sunday.

The presidents of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania sent Gorbachev a telegram asking him to set a time and place for discussions on restoration of their sovereignty, Meri told Reuters.

"We asked him to set a date, the sooner the better, to begin discussions with the three heads of the Baltic states to solve the Baltic crisis and restore their full independence," Meri said. The message was agreed late

Saturday at a dinner winding up the one-day meeting, which renewed a pre-war cooperation treaty and called for Baltic indeagenda of the superpower summit opening in Washington May 30. Lithuania's prime minister said

Sunday she believes she gained "de facto recognition" of her breakaway republic from Western governments on her 16-day heards nirt

way home to Vilnius, Kazimiera Prunskiene said leaders in the

ledged the republic's right to seek independence and backed talks to resolve the stand-off between Lithuania and the Kremlin.

"This is de facto recognition," pendence to be placed on the Prunskiene said. "The fact that I came to these countries, that several of them received me on a very high governmental level. that these consultations occur, that's already recognition that this is not just an internal affair of the Soviet Union."

Although Prunskiene was travelling as a private citizen, she Stopping in Moscow on her met with President George Bush

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(Agencies) - An Israeli motorist politically neutral. in the occupied West Bank In the past Herzog has angered leftists by commuting the sentopened fire on a group of stoneences of extreme right-wing throwing protesters Sunday and critically wounded a 14-year-old, Israelis convicted of killing Vandals daubed 250 Jewish The shooting occurred near the Jewish settlement of Elkana graves with anti-Israeli graffiti in

Settler opens fire,

wounds 1 critically

where Israelis were planning to celebrate the town's 13th "birthday" Sunday. The ceremony will be attended by President Chaim Herzog and Chief of Staff Dan Ѕвоинов.

Witnesses told Renters an Israeli-owned car was stoned while passing through the centre of Qalqilya in the West Bank some 10 kilometre from Elkana. The motorist got out of the car

and opened fire, shooting Samih Eid Abu Sheikh twice in the head, the witnessese said. Military sources confirmed Abn Sheikh was wounded but said police were investigating the cirenmstances.

About 100 activists of the Peace Now protest movement planned to demonstrate at Elkana Sunday against what they called official sanction of disputed settlement by the president and

chief of staff. A Herzog aide said the president's participation in the Elkana ceremony should not be interpreted as giving legitimacy to settlement in the occupied terri-

Herzog served as a partiamentarian for the centrist Labour Party before his election to the

By Lamis K. Andoni

Jordan-Times Staff Reporter.

AMMAN -- A serior Soviet

diplomat Sanday dismissed

suggestions that Moscow was

limiting its role in the Middle

East and stressed that there

had been no "radical" shift in

his country's position towards

the Arab-Israeli conflict and

the Palestine Liberation Orga-

In an interview with the Jor-

dan Times, Ambassador-at-

large Igor Urivich Andropov

also said that he did not "fore-

see" a restoration of diploma-

tic ties between the Soviet Un-

ion and Israel, severed after

the 1967 war, prior to or out-

side the context of a compre-

hensive peace settlement in the

misation (PLO).

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM presidency, a post meant to be

the northern city of Haifa overnight, apparently inspired by the desecration of a Jewish cemetery in France, Israel's police chief said Sunday.
Tombstones in two graveyards

were spraypainted black with slogans in Hebrew declaring "the Arabs will kill the Jews" and signed with names of Arab villages in Israel. Unknown assailants defaced

Jewish graves with anti semitic slogans and dug up and mutilated a corpse in the southern French toras of Carpentras last week. Police commissioner Yaacov Turner, asked on Israel radio if there was a link between the Haifa and Carpentras desecra-

connection." Muslim leaders in Haifa condemned the vandals

tions, said: "I am sure there is a

Late Sunday, Israeli police said they had arrested a 41-year-old Jewish Israeli man on suspicion of desecrating the graves.

They said the man who appeared to be mentally imbalanced, was being questioned after reports that he had been seen acting strangely near the two graveyards in the last few days. They did not give his name.

Mideast or PLO, envoy says

"We have not changed our

principled commitment to a comprehensive settlement in

the Middle East or support for

the PLO as the sole legitimate

representative of the Palesti-

man people," said Andropov.

who Monday concluded a

Senior Soviet diplomats here

told the Jordan Times that

Palestine President and PLO

Chairman Yasser Arafat would

visit Moscow soon to discuss

the PLO's relations with the

Soviet Union and Middle East

peace efforts. The diplomats

said that the date for Arafat's

visit was not set yet but that it.

Andropov denied that Mos-

would be "in the very near

cow's relationship with the

future."

three-day visit to Jordan.

No shift in Soviet stand on

Middle East.

Yemens merge armies as unity moves gather speed

SANA (R) — North and South Yemen have united their armed forces and agreed to withdraw them from their capitals in the latest swift move towards an historic merger due this month.

widely predicted that a United Yemen would be declared before the end of May.

The Sanaa-based weekly 26 September quoted "reliable sources" on Sunday as saying the declaration would come during the last week of May, six months ahead of schedule.

"All arrangements for this historic event in the life of Yemen and the Arab nation have been completed and there remain only minor executive measures," the paper said.

North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh said Saturday the security forces of both countries had been dissolved.

"From now on there is no reason for the existence of the state security organ in Aden and the national security organ in Sanaa — both have been dissolved within the framework of the united state," Sanaa Radio

quoted him as saying. "It is our view that the capitals should be cleared of armed forces which should be withdrawn to defined military zones... rather than piling up weapons in the capitals," Saleh said.

Diplomats in Sanaa said the move cleared one of the main stumbling blocks to the merger. Saleh's government has strong

Officials and diplomats have military backing while South Yemen wants a clear separation "Armies will be moved to border areas of the new state and there will be a larger role in the

cities for a unified police force," The weekly 26 September said Saleh and the head of the ruling South Yemeni Socialist Party, Ali Salem Al Baidh, would decide

the date for a final meeting between both parliaments at a summit in Aden. It gave no date. Both legislative bodies are due to ratify a draft constitution approved in November, in the

A joint ministerial meeting will take place on May 20 to approve the rules of the merger process, the paper said.

last major step before the unity

Diplomats and officials in North Yemen say the merger has been speeded up to forestall any attempts to undermine the creation of the new state of 12 million

Saudi Arabia Sunday expressed renewed support for the union and denied a press report it was trying to sabotage the move by paying fractious Yemeni tribesmen near its borders. Initial plans called for the state

to be announced by this Nov. 30

after a popular vote on the unity camp in

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Israeli weapons.

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the report said.

in Washington.

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israel Television has reported that the CIA

condoned a plan by an Israeli

reserve colonel to set up a train-

ing camp for Panamanian rebels

in Antigua and equip it with

The U.S. Central Intelligence

Agency (CIA) declined to com-

ment on the report, which came

as Antiguan investigators were in

Israel to inquire about the

The camp project was never

carried out, and Antiguan investi-gators say the Israeli arms later

were diverted to a Colombian

CIA representatives stationed

on the Caribbean Island did not

oppose the training camp project,

"We always decline to com-

ment on reports of this nature,"

said Peter Earnest, spokesman of

the Central Intelligence Agency,

The four-member Antiguan in-

vestigative team was assisted by

U.S. experts, the report said. It

said the team completed its in-

quiry Saturday and is to report

back to the Antiguan govern-

Diplomats say the referendum has apparently been scrapped and the six-month transition period initially envisaged extended to two and a half years from the declaration date to allow ample time for ministries to merge and political parties to

end of that period. Officials say Saleh will be named president of the united Yemen and Beidh vice-president. It was not known what would happen to the current South Yemeni President, Haider Abu

Elections will be held at the

A transitional parliament will be formed with 31 representatives from newly-formed political parties, 159 North Yemeni deputies and 111 from South Yemen, offi-

Bakr Al Attas.

cials say. The new legislative body must ratify 53 draft unity laws.

North Yemen's foreign minister, Abdul Karim Al Iryani, has said the two ruling parties would continue to exist after the merger but new ones could continue : to

South Yemen has been liberdising its economic institutions head of the merger.

Last Thursday it devalued its dinar by 24 per cent in a move which bankers said effectively merged with North Yemen's riyal, taking the two closer to a common currency.

On Tuesday, the Israeli Foreign Ministry gave the investiga-tors a file of documents, including one signed by Antigna's top defence official, Vere Bird Jr. It assured Israel the arms would not be sent to a third country and would be used exclusively by the Antiguan military.

The investigators also ques-tioned reserve Col. Yair Klein, who had wanted to set up the camp, the report said.

The affair began when Klein, who runs a private security com-pany called Hod Hahanit, or spearhead, approached the Antiguan government with plans to create a military training camp, according to the TV report.

A senior Antiguan military official, who was not identified told CIA representatives on the island about the plan and they did not oppose it, the report said.

Klein kild Israel Television the

school was "supposed to train 500 fighters" opposed to Panama's Gen. Manuel Noriega, who were pposed to use the coming from Israel."

But plans for the camp fell through, the weapons "were returned to the elements who bought them in Panama," he

Noriega was toppled in the December U.S. invasion of Panama and was brought to the United States to face drug charges. Klein offered no explanation as

to how the weapons reached Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, a drug boss killed in a raid by Colombian police in December. After Rodriguez Gacha's death, about 200 Israeli-made Galil assault rifles were found on his ranch.

The New York Times named Klein and Maurice Sarfati, an Israeli owner of a produce business in Antigua, as responsible

for the arms diversion. Colombian officials say Klein is wanted for organising, training and equipping paramilitary groups. He has been declared a fugitive from justice and may be

tried in absentia. Klein says he provided selfdefence training to Colombian farmers at the time of the Antiguan camp project. But the television report quoted him as saying the projects were not linked.

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE AND CALENDAR

Fighting drives 10,000 Chadians into Sudan KHARTOUM (AP) - Recent fighting between Chadian gov-

ernment troops and Libvan-backed rebels has driven 10,000 Chadian refugees into western Sudan where they need emergency sup-port, an official said Sunday.

Commissioner of Refugees Abdul Rahman Sirul-Khatim said in a press statement that the new refugees have been moved to Kutum area, around 230 kilometres away from the border

Sirul-Khatim said Sudanese officials had sent messages to Khartoum demanding "emergency food and medical aid for the hadian refugees."

He did not specify when the Chadian refugees had moved into: the Western Darfur region, but fighting between Chadian troops and rebels flared up around two months ago.
The official statement comes

one day after Sudan claimed that Chadian government troops have abducted an unspecified number of Sudanese and Libyan citizens during a raid on western Sudan and called for their release.

A Foreign Ministry statement said Saturday the Chadian troops have also looted and damaged properties and demanded compensation although it gave no

The abducted people were on an ordinary trade trip from the

in Darfur, the Foreign Ministry ing on when the alleged raid took.

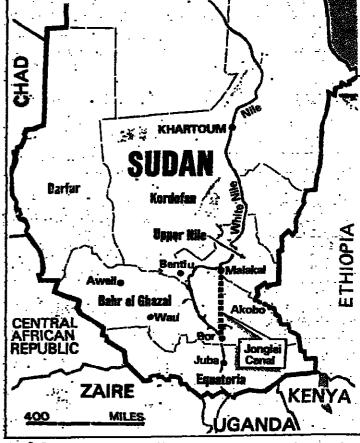
It expressed willingness to maintain good relations with Chad but said Sudan was deter-. mined to exercise full sovereignty. over its territories and to preserve its territorial integrity. In the meantime it offered to mediate a reconciliation between opposing Chadian forces.

The Sudanese government has virtually no control over Darfur and the area along the Chad frontier. For years Chadian rebels have used the area as a base of operations for attacks on government forces inside Chad.

The military government of Lt.-Gen. Omar Hassan Al Bashir said Wednesday it is trying with intensive diplomatic contacts" to stop fighting in western Sudan between forces of Chad's govern-

ment and rebels opposed to it.
The Wednesday's statement marked the first time since Bashir came to power on June 30 that he has admitted that warfare had spilled into the sprawling Darfur region from Sudan's neighbour to

It said the fighting between the Chadian factions had "inflicted heavy losses on the interest of the citizens of Darfur region." The presence of the Libvan-



backed Chadian rebels in western Sudan have fostered increased lawlessness in an already lawless.

become commonplace in Darfur and neighbouring Kordofan;

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Freed Kuwaiti opposition leader to resume struggle for parliament

democracy leader detained for four days last week said Sunday he would continue campaigning for the return of the country's dissolved parliament.

Physician Ahmad Al Khatib renewed his call to boycott June elections for a less powerful interim assembly proposed by the government in place of parlia-"We are proceeding with the

same programme and making no changes," he told Reuters by telephone from Kuwait. Khatib, a radical regarded by

many activists as the symbol of ODENO Tuesday night along with seven other politicians at a meeting which the government termed an illegal gathering to urge a boycott of the June 10 polls.

The poll is for an interim assembly with limited powers that would consider the future shape of democracy in Kuwait.

Saturday night but lawyers said the government had not abandoned the case against them. A businessman and a former

deputy, charted with illegally publishing and distributing leaflets, were also released on bail Somé 1,500 well-wishers gathered around Khatib's home

in Kuwait City Saturday night to congratulate him on his release and show their support, a Khatib "We made no pledges (to halt the campaign against the prop-

He and 31 other former deputies launched a campaign in December to demand the return of the parliament dissolved in. The eight were released on bail August 1986. But after a dialogue with loyalists and the opposition, the Emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, last month ordered the formation of the

four-year interim assembly. "We will call for a boycott of the illegal elections and the unconstitutional assembly " said

Khatib, 62, was a founder of George Habash's Arab Nationalist Movement whose Palestinian branch later formed the Popular Front for the Li tine (PFLP).

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always on Tuesdays," said Kha- supporters and discuss their contib, a veteran Arab nationalist.

LONDON (AP) - Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy missing in Lebanon, is alive and well after more than three years as a hostage, a published report Sunday quoted a Lebanese official as saying.

The Mail on Sunday, a British Conservative weekly, reported that Waite is held in isolation by his kidnappers in the southern suburbs of Beirut and is probably fitter than any of the other hostages, according to the official, Akram Shehayeb. Shehayeb is spokesman for the

Druse religious sect and an aide to Druse Walid Junblatt.

Shehayeb, who was interviewed in Lebanon, was quoted as saying Waite is held alone in better surroundings because he is believed to be the most important of the hostages.

The newspaper said Shehayeb is in regular contact with the Iranian-backed Hizbollah, or



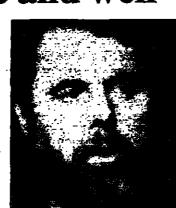
The longest held is Terry Anderson, 42, chief Middle East correspondent for the Associated

an Irishman.

The Lebanese official was quoted as saying he had been prompted to speak of Waite because of intense speculation about the cleric after the recent release of two U.S. hostages, Robert Polhill and Frank Reed.

He came here on a humanitarian mission, he was entrusted into our care, and he became our friend. We have never given up trying to secure his release," Shehayeb was quoted as saying. "The Druse provided body-

Terry Waite Terry Waite is special to us.



guards for Waite and suffered embarrassment for having allowed him to meet Hizbollah members unaccompanied," the Mail on Sunday said.

John Lyttle, public affairs adviser to Archbishop Robert Runcie, said: "It is very encouraging to know that the Druse believe Terry Waite is alive."

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Mideast MPs address democracy in Arab World

WASHINGTON (USIA) -Three parliamentarians — from Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan discussed "Democracy in the Arab World" during a panel discussion at the Arab American Institute's fifth annual leadership conference, held here.

Lila T. Takla, an Egyptian parliamentarian, spoke about the perceived impact of the ideological struggle between communism and capitalism on the Arab World. Although communism may be losing ground in Europe, she said, that does not mean that capitalism is necessarily the path to the future for Arab countries. "What is needed may be a third

model," she said. Another panelist, Laith F. Shubailat of Jordan, saw the struggle in somewhat different terms. "We are Muslim hardware being re-programmed to carry Western software," he said. The struggle is one between Western culture. on one hand, and something between capitalism and communism

on the other, he said. In any event, the struggle is not between religions, he stressed. Algeria, he pointed out, is practically all Muslim, "but the same struggle is taking place" there. Shubailat represents a district in Amman with both Muslims and Christians.

"Our problems are not among communities but within communities," Butros Harb of Lebanon said. "It's up to the people to choose." He said the people can decide which religion is better for them. But, he added, a "fanatic society... cannot provide people a better way of life." His hope in Lebanon, he said, is to "humanise" society "where all citizens are considered equal."

This problem of peaceful coexistence "has worried and puzzled other countries," Harb said. In Lebanon it is made more acute by "the struggle for power in the region." What is happening in Lebanou now, he said, "is not the democratic way."

Shubailat was asked about the strong showing of Muslim fundamentalists in the Jordan elections. "If you believe in democracy, human rights, and the freedom of the people to choose," he criticise the results.



One problem of parliamentary democracy, Shubailat said, is that politicians will "promise things that cannot be achieved" in order to get elected. Thus "the aspirations of our people are higher than what our parliament has achieved." That's why, he said, it's very important to one's campaign."

Democracy in Jordan is "still a child, it's growing. We're still educating ourseves," Shubailat said. "Most members of parliament know nothing about parliament; they have no experience under the leadership of a party. There are no parties."

Takla, the first woman to represent Egypt in the United Na-tions and former chairperson of parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, said that the Arab countries face problems. "But the only way to care these problems is more democracy," she

The programme of the threeday Arab American Institute Leadership Conference also includes a panel with Arab American mayors, two political forums, with leaders of the Democratic and Republican perties, and an address by the Reverend Jesse Jackson.

The Arab American Institute was founded in 1985 as a bipartisan organisatison to help Arab Americans gain political power through the election process and to shape debate on issues of interest to them. About 200 politically active Arab-Americans said, "then it is hypocrisy to from all over the United States. participated in the conference.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

israel to hear appeal in Demjanjuk case

TEL AVIV (R) - Convicted Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk starts his appeal in Israel's supreme court Monday in a final attempt to prove he was not a sadistic guard who gassed to death hundreds of thousands of people in World War II. Demjanjuk, 70, a Ukrainian-born car worker deported from the United States, is appealing against an April 1988 death sentence that would make him the first Nazi war criminal hanged in Israel since mass murderer Adolf Eichmann in 1962.

Rebei rockets on Kabul kill 4

ISLAMABAD (R) — Afghan guerrillas fighting the Kabul government has killed four people in a rocket attack on the capital Kabul, the official Kabul Radio said. The broadcast, monitored in the Pakistani capital Islamabad, said the rebels fired 15 U.S.made surface-to-surface missiles into Kabul's residential areas, wounding 11 people and causing economic losses. Kabul has come under frequent rocket attacks in recent weeks from the Western-

Israel expects 150,000 Soviet Jews in '90

TEL AVIV (R) - Israel's Finance Ministry estimates that 150,000 Soviet Jews will enter the country this year, nearly four times more than provided for in the 1990 state budget, Israel Radio has said. Treasury sources confirmed the report, which said Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir had been briefed on the new estimate before a Sunday cabinet meeting at which the treasury vill propose quadrupli original allocation, approved two months ago, was based on an immigration forecast of 40,000 this year, but 33,000 Soviet Jews arrived in the first four months alone, according to a lewish Agency official.

Qatari foreign minister changed

DOHA (AP) — Abdullah Ibn Khalifa Al Attiya resigned as foreign minister of Qatar Sunday, the Qatar News Agency reported. The agency said the Emir, Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Hamad Al Thani, accepted the resignation and named Mubarak Ali Al Khater as the new foreign minister. Khater was minister of power and water. The agency gave no further detail and no reason was immediately available for the resignation. But diplomatic observers noted that the change comes on the eve of a meeting of foreign ministers of the 22-member Arab League to prepare for a pan-Arab summit conference. Attiya was named Qatari foreign minister less than a year ago, in the first major ministerial reshuffle in the 19-year-old oil-rich peninsular state of the Gulf. Both Aftiya and Khater entered the cabinet for the first time in that reshuffle which took place in August 1989.

Pakistan to build pipelines in Iran

NICOSIA (R) -- Pakistan has offered to build gas and oil pipelines for Iran and purchase Iranian crude, Iran's Minister of Economics and Financial Affairs Mohsen Nourbakhsh said Sunday. Nourbakhsh, who ended a four-day visit to Islamabad Saturday after attending a joint economic commission meeting, told the Iranian news agency (IRNA) two-way trade would top \$400 million this year. The most significant agreements were reached in commercial, industrial, energy and cultural fields with emphasis on exchange of technical information," he told IRNA without giving details. He said Pakistan was willing to build oil and natural gas pipelines and cover part of its energy needs through imports from Iran.

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Brotherhood restates hardline approach, rejects peace marches

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN - The Muslim Brotherhood Sunday reaffirmed its rejection of a peace settlement with Israel and announced its refusal to take part in any demonstration or march calling for negotiations with the Jewish state.

Instead of calling for peace with israel, said a spokesman for the Muslim Brotherhood, "we remain steadfast on our call for holy war to liberate all of Paleatine."

Abdul Lanf Arabiyat, a member of the Lower House of Parliament and spokesman for the Islamist bloc in the House, told a press conference that the movement would not officially participate in a march scheduled Monday to the bridge across the River Jordan organised by Arab unions and professional associa-

Arabiyat said the Muslim Brotherhood had initially supported the march's central themes, which include a call for the right of the Palestinians to return to their homeland, but "now they are calling for peace with Israel."

One of the slogans expected to be raised by Monday's marchers is: "Yes to an independent Palestinian state under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO)." Arabiyat reiterated the Brotherhood's rejection of the two-state solution pursued by

the PLO.

"We will not participate in the march because we feel that its slogans are not compatible with our movement's principles," he said. "We are calling for jihad (holy war) to liberate all of Palestine; how can we participate in a march which calls for a small Palestinian state alongside the Zionist entity?"

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Mohammad Abu Fares, another Muslim Brotherhood deputy who also attended the press conference, further explained that his group had accepted to support Monday's march on the basis that its central theme would be the dangers inherent in the massive Soviet Jewish immigration to Palestine and the responsibility of both superpowers for bringing it about. "But now we understand that the slogans of the march have been changed," he said: "We reject and oppose any move which exonerates the Soviet Union, which shares a major part of the responsibility for the massive emigration to Palestine.

According to organisers, there are no slogans expected to be raised during the march singling out the Soviet Union as the major party responsible for the massive wave of Soviet Jewish immigra-

Arabiyat reiterated the Brotherhood's opposition to another march planned by the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) and a national organising committee. He said the Brotherhood was calling on the organisers of the march, originally scheduled for June 1-3 but later postponed until Nov. 29, to "reconsider the objectives of the march."

The main theme of the ADC-organised march is a call for a two-state solution and negotiations between Israel and the PLO. Arabiyat said the Brotherhood welcomed the organisers' decision to postpone the march, but said: "We hope that they would reevaluate their plans and turn their attention to the United States

U.S. policy assailed

Arabiyat, reading a prepared statement, also launched a fierce attack on the United States, accusing it of "leading, with determination and purpose, a camp of evil forces which fight our Arab and Islamic nations."

"The history of the United States' dealings with our nations and our causes, particularly the sacred Palestinian cause, is full of slaps, punches and stabs against the dignity of the Arab Nation and the courage of Islamic Nation; he said. "It started with U.S. President Wodrow Wilson (in 2013)." 1918).... and commisses with suday's Congress..."

This American position gushould always be an incentive for our Krab and Islamic nations to put an end to the policy of submissiveness which enguis us and which entices the U.S. to escalate its plots against our nation engins as and which cuties the U.S. to escalate the polis against our haton by making us pursue submission and degradation..." said Arabiyat, a deputy from Balqa governorate. "Our Arab and Islamic nation should adopt a dignified Arab/Islamic position that would put an end to the American moves and prove to it that the Arab and Islamic dignity is

stronger than all attempts to assimilate and insult our nations."

The Muslim Brotherbood's reaffirmation of its hardline position as evident in the opposition to both marches was interpreted by political observers as a spillover of the decades-old conflicting viewpoints and approaches adopted by the PLO and Islamic fundamentalists. These differences have become more pronounced in recent days in statements and tactics adopted by the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) and the PLO-supported underground leaders of the 29-month-old uprising in the

occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

A senior PLO official, speaking to the Jordan Times on condition of anonymity, said the organisation would not be officially participating in Monday's march, "burt individual Palestinian personalities might take part." The PLO position was seen by observers as a move to avoid further splits with the fundamentalists at a time when the organisation is engaged in a dialogue with a view to drawing them into the mainstream Palestinian

Arabiyat reiterated a call issued earlier by the Brotherhood for an Islamic army. According to Abu Fares, "We hope that the Iordanian people will be the nucleus for the Islamic army. We hope to train every man, woman and the elderly to carry weapons to defend this nation and Jordanian soil." Constitution and charter

Both Arabiyat and Abu Fares told Monday's press conference that the Brotherhood, the largest bloc in the Lower House with 22 seats, was seeking to address what it sees as "contradictions of Islamic laws in the

(Jordanian) Constitution."

According to Abu Pares, some provisions in the Constitution "allow what is prohibited in Islam and prohibit what is allowed in Islam while one of the

is probibited in Islam and prohibit what is allowed in Islam while one of the basic foundations of the Constitution is the reaffirmation that Islam is the formal religion of the country."

In separate comments to the Jordan Times, Arabiyat said the Brotherhood, which joined the General Commission on drafting the national charter after objecting to the concept of the charter earlier, was seeking to clarify and reaffirm the points in the Constitution through the national

charter."

Replying to questions at the press conference, Arabiyat said the government had "fulfilled part of its commitments" made to the Brotherhood and the movement was "following up actions to ensure that the commitments are met in full." He did not elaborate, but referred the media to an "activity paper" produced by the Brotherhood.

In the paper, which summarised the activities of the Brotherhood in Parliament, the movement said it had submitted five documents to the blows dealing with the expression critics in forder comments with:

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The paper listed several measures adopted by the government as full or partial moves in "response to the demands of the Brotherhood." These included a government move to preempt any law contradicting Islam, the formation of a committee to dealt a law on financial accountability of senior government officials, release of frozen passports and lifting of travel bans, the establishment of a faculty of Sharia at Yarmouk University, approvals for setting up an Islamic academy and an Islamic university, guarantees for freedom of press and freedom of opinion, reinstatement of a number of employees dismissed for political/security reasons, release of security/political detninees, abolishing security clearance a a prerequisite of government jobs, taking first steps towards abolishing usury, ban on serving alcohol saboard Royal Jordanian flights to Arab and Islamic countries, support for the intifada, a draft law on regulating the judiciary system. moves towards allowing a union for teachers, an austerity budget and

initiation of legal proceedings against corrupt officials.

The paper said several of these measures went only part of the way in meeting the demands in full. These included the Brotherhood's calls for a total ban against Muslims producing, trading or consuming alcohol, the release of all "political/security" prisoners, the reinstatement of all those diameters of the release of the political reasons and support for the intifada.

On the last issue, the paper said while there was a "marked change in support of the intifada, it remains below the desired level." It also complained that the media was ignoring Hamas and its role in the intilada. In his comments Sunday, Arabiyat said the Muslim Brotherhood was

"committed to freedom of the press as emphasised in our election manifesto." He said his group believed that new newspapers, magazines and other publications should be immediately licensed without waiting for the proposed national charter to be finalised.

The government has said that new newspapers and politically oriented magazines would be licensed only after the finalisation of the charter, which is expected to set the guidelines for legalisation of political parties in the

Arabiyat said the Brotherhood "welcomed objective, constructive criticism against it from the press," but resented it when "such criticism becomes succustic... or when news of the Brotherhood is ignored or downplayed." He cited as an example of what he described as the media ignoring or playing down the role of Hamas in the occupied territories.

Turkey denies water deal with Israel

AMMAN (J.T.) - Turkey's Ambassador to Jordan Oktay Aksov said in a statement to the press published here Sunday that his country did not strike a deal with the Israeli government to sell it Turkish water.

"It is true that a Canadian company operating in Turkey has concluded a deal to sell water from Turkey to Israel but the Canadian company had announced its readiness to sell water from Turkey to any country in the Middle East including Jordan," the ambassador said.

Aksoy was reacting to earlier press reports about a deal between Israel and Turkey under which the latter would sell a total of 2.3 million cubic metres of water annually to the Jewish

"There is no need for worry or jumping to conclusions before a full report by the Turkish government on the matter has been issued," the ambassador said.

"Turkey is keen on safeguarding its relations with the Arab World and therefore it is now studying a plan to lay two pipelines to draw water from Turkey to the Arab region, passing through Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states," the ambassador added.

Last December Turkey decided to cut off the flow of the Euphrates river for one month in order to fill the reservoir of the Ataturk dam, a decision which was reported to have precipitated a crisis between Turkey, Syria

Industrial fair to be extended

AMMAN (J.T.) — An industrial fair due to end Sunday was extended until Monday, according to the Jordan Commercial Centres Corporation (JCCC) which organised the fair at the Amman International Fair Centre in Marj sAleHamant Proces polit ... mid "promes than

A JOCC statement said fliat between Wednesday and Saturday more than 10,000 persons, including diplomats, businessmen, merchants and individual citizens visited the fair and that several business deals have been

A total of 64 Jordanian firms and factories have been displaying samples of their products. used in construction works, at the fair which was opened by Minister of Industry and Trade Ziad

According to Maher Arabiyat, the fair's director, materials like glass, cement, brick, wires and cables, metal pipes, paint, nails, radiators, boilers, solar heaters, marble tiles, fibre glass, doors and shutters were among the various products on display.

The Housing Corporation, the Urban Development Department, the Royal Scientific Society and the Jordan Electricity Authority cooperated in organising

Ministry of industry officials say JD 112.3 million, in capital, are invested in the construction materials industries in Jordan which employ more than 6,000

Education systems in the Arab World need revision

50 million and expected to increase to 73 million by the end of the present century, according to a draft resolution about education for the Arab World in the coming century.

second day of the three-day meeting organised here by the Arab Thought Forum (ATF) also pointed out that 23 million Arabs looking for jobs for the first time in their life in the Arab World in 1990 will increase to 37 million by by the year 2000.

The draft resolution was presented by Dr. Saadeddin Ibrahim, ATF's secretary general, ing the nation," Ibrhaim said.

learning age are estimated now at tional problems expected to face gradual improvement in the eduthe nation at the start of the coming century should the present educational situation remain

"Given the present systems of The draft, presented during the education and the same circumstances, the problem of unemployment will aggravate and more educated citizens will find themselves without jobs," he said.

"Pursuing the same educational systems in the Arab World, he said, is bound to lead to a real catastrophe and education will become a real problem adding to the other numerous problems faccational system by re-examining aims, policies and contents of educational material and linking learning to the actual needs of the local communities.

The draft also contained information and statistics about the Arab World's population, the present educational systems, ideas about future strategies, training of teachers and financing educa-

The ATF conference, due to end Monday, is expected to contain a declaration outlining the resolution and other ideas about education in the Arab World in the 21st century.

Medical council stresses commitment

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Education and Higher Education Mohammad Hamdan Sunday stressed the need to provide advanced health care covering all medical specialisations to all Arab citizens.

Addressing the 12th session of the Scientific Council for Gynecologists (SCG), an affiliate of Specialisations (ACMS), Hamdan called for training the medical personnel to enable them shoulder their responsibilities and devise new methods for countering

Bataineh reviewed the achievements made by gynecologists, saying they still have a long way to go in order to achieve the great objective of serving patients and upgrading the profession.

Bataineh said the medical profession in general and the gyneco-. logists' in particular, is "no longer the Arab Council for Medical a treatment process through which we compete to demonstrate our capacity and scientific and professional excellence, but rather a community assignment, which takes into consideration the interest of the individual and

Secretary-general of the ACMS Awad Abu Dajajeh summarised the council's specialisations, saying it aims at improving medical services in the Arab World and drawing up specifications for training packages.

He also reviewed the council's activities and achievements in the light of the world technological changes and developments.

The council includes representatives of Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait,

Seminar reviews pollution, protection of environment

seminar on environment pollution in local communities and the delegates reviewed eight research papers dealing with means of combating pollution and spreading awareness about the issue.

Addressing the opening session, university Deputy President Mohammad Adnan Al Bakhit

ty of Jordan Sunday organised a special Human Resources Development Centre at the uni-

> Bakhit called on municipal and village councils, organisations and members of the public to do all they can to protect the en-

Dr. Qandil Shaker, the centre's director, outlined the programsaid the University of Jordan was mes being implemented by the giving due attention to the sub- centre and the seminars and ject of pollution and the protec- meetings designed to spread well as the University of Jordan.

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Universition of the environment through a awareness about the need for protecting the environment in The eight research papers re-

viewed at the meeting covered such topics as dangers of pesticides, wastewater, danger to the ozone layer, and means of deal-

ing with pollution. The participants represented the World Health Organisation, several government ministries, the Royal Scientific Society as

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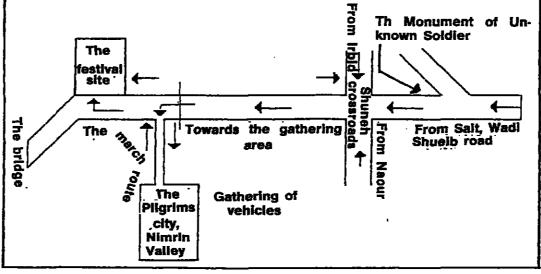
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The organising committee has The 'return march', as it is asked any participating commit-called, will start from the Pilgrims tee representing an institution or City (Madinat Al Hujjaj) in Nima a group of persons, to form a rin Valley at 10:00 in the morning sub-committee to take charge of and will proceed to the King keeping order within the group during the march.

Participants in the march were

collective (buses), and were asked to bring food and drinking

Members of the Jordanian professional associations were asked to help in the transportation process by using their private cars in carrying participants from the gathering centres in Amman and the governorates.



Ministry denies new AIDS cases

By Elia Nasrallah Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN - The Ministry of Health Sunday denied reports published in Al Dustour newspaper about the discovery of two new cases of the killer disease AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) and said that the present number of cases of all AIDS victims in Jordan stood at

Out of these seven have already died or left the country while the rest are being either proven cases of victims of AIDS or AIDS carriers placed under strict surveillance, according to Health Ministry officials who preferred anonymity.

The officials were commenting on a report in Al Dustour daily Sunday on the discovery of two AIDS cases of an Omani and a Chinese student in Jordan.

The report quoted Dr. Misleh Tarawneh, dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Jordan, as saying that the Chinese student has already left contacting AIDS.

ACC countries seek cooperation in tourism

By Ziyad Al Shilleh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Tourist and travel offices in the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) countries Sunday announced the creation of an association that would organise and regulate tourist activities within the four countries and promote cooperation among them.

A statement following a twoday meeting here said the association will be headed for the first term by Yasser Abul Saoud, president of the Jordan Travel Agents Association.

Abul Saoud said the new association will seek to achieve integration among the ACC states: Egypt, Jordan, Iraq and North Yemen in matters related to tourism and travel and in line with the ACC objectives.

"The new association will try to market the four countries' tourist attractions abroad and will try to raise capital for investments in tourist projects in the four countries," he said.

"A special committee is to take charge of the new association jects.

until it is officially approved by the ACC leadership," Abul Saoud added.

Abul Saoud, who also heads the Federation of Arab Tourist Offices, said that the federation ended a two-day meeting at the Philadelphia Hotel in Amman Sunday and decided that Amman should be the venue for the federation's headquarters.

Abul Saoud was elected the federation's secretry-general and in charge of the headquarters

According to Abul Saoud, the federation decided to amend its laws so as to cope with the present developments in the tourism industry and to work out integrated Arab tourist projects benefitting the Arab World.

He said the federation also decided to increase seminars and training courses for tourist staff employed in the tourism business, to encourage Arab governments to facilitate tourism among Arab countries and to launch campaigns designed to increase Arab investments in tourism pro-

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Prince Hassan visits military units

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Sunday paid a visit to the southern region's military units, where he was received by the region's commander and senior officers. After listening to a briefing by the commander of the region, the Crown Prince voiced satisfaction with the good standards of performance and training the units have achieved.

Princess Sarvath opens art exhibition

AMMAN (Petra) - Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath Saturday opened an art exhibition by George Sarkis Kaplanian at the Goethe Institute. The four-day exhibition displays 45 paintings depicting the history and the civilisation of Jordan, Palestine and Syria. The opening ceremony was attended by Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Abdul Karim Al Kabariti and the director of the Goethe Institute in Amman.

Al Fagir visits Ramtha

RAMTHA (Petra) - Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Ali Al Faqir Saturday visited Al Ramtha city where he inspected the 'pilgrims city'. During the visit a committee chaired by Ramtha district Governor Hussein Al Habashneh was formed to supervise construction works at the city, in order to make it ready within two weeks to receive the Turkish pilgrims passing through the Kingdom. Jordan is expected to receive about 150,000 Turkish pilgrims, according to an agreement which was signed between the Ministry of Awqaf and the Turkish government.

Rawabdeh to visit Syria

AMMAN (Petra) - A Jordanian delegation, headed by Minister of Public Works and Housing Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh, will arrive in Syria Wednesday on a two-day official visit for talks with Syrian officials on bilateral relations and coordination in implementing the new Amman-Damascus road. The delegation comprises director general of Customs Department, director of the Borders and Foreigners' Affairs Department and director of Roads Department at the Public Works Department.

ACC ministers to review energy cooperation

AMMAN (Petra) - The meeting of ministers of electricity and energy of the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) member states which was scheduled to convene in Amman on May 29 and 30 will be postponed until June 19 due to emergency engagements of a number of participating ministers, an official source at the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources said Saturday. The official said the ministerial meeting will be preceded by a meeting for specialised technicians and experts from the ministries of electricity and energy from the ACC states on 17 and 18.

France condemns Israel's policy

AMMAN (Petra) - The French Ambassador to Jordan Denis Bauchard Sunday voiced his country's denunciation of the Israeli settlement policy in the occupied Arab territories. In a cable he sent to Kamel El Sharif, chairman of the executive committee of the General Islamic Conference for Bait Al Maqdis (Jerusalem), Bauchard said that France's delegate to the United Nations had stressed this position during the United Nations Security Council's déliberations March 29. The General Islamic Conference for Bait Al Magdis bad earlier issued a circular to the diplomatic missions in Amman, reviewing the Israeli practices in the occupied Arab territories and highlighting the dangers inherent in the U.S. Senate decision on Jerusalem.

IDB grants JD 1.235m in loans

AMMAN (Petra). The Industrial Development Bank (IDB) has approved granting nine loans worth ID 1.235 million to development projects in the country. Of the total sum, JD 990,000 will finance six industrial projects, and 245,000 will finance the construction works of three hotels, two in Amman and one in Irbid. Of the six industrial loans five were allocated for industries that produce shampoo, shaving cream, airconditioners, cassettes, shoes and bags. The sixth loan will finance an industrial project to produce cartridges for shotguns. Since the beginning of 1990 the IDB granted 35 loans worth JD 5.938 million for financing industrial and touristic projects.

Chinese delegation arrives in Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — A four-member delegation representing the Chinese Meteorological Department arrived here Saturday on an official visit to Jordan for talks on bilateral cooperation in the field of meteorology. The delegation will also visit the National Centre for Weather Forecasts and several archaeological and touristic sites.

Seminar on tetanus opens

AMMAN (Petra) - A two-day workshop on neonatal tetanus, starts here Monday, with representatives of the Eastern Mediterranean and North African countries participating. The workshop, which is organised by the World Health Organisation in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, aims at exchanging expertise on the best means to combat neonatal tetanus and to protect mothers and fetus from this deadly disease.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

 Exhibition of paintings and sculptures by five Jordanian artists at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) Plastic art exhibition by Abir Abu Judeh, Sanaa Al Bourini and

Hadil Bassam at Yarmouk University.

Exhibition of paintings depicting national heritage, nature and the Arab woman by Lalla Al Shawwa at Jordan National Gallery for Fine Arts.

Exhibition of original aerial photos by Jane Tailor at hotel Jordan Intercontinental (all photos are for sale in aid of the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem).

Book exhibition at Mu'ta University. * Art exhibition by George Sarkis Kaplanian at the Goethe

Art exhibition by Ilham Al Turk at the Royal Cultural Centre.

* Art exhibition by students of Nazareth Sisters School at the

French Cultural Centre. THEATRE

English play entitled "The Brothle's Family" at the Royal Cultural Centre - 8:00 p.m.)

LECTURE

Lecture by Dr. Swee-Chai Ang entitled "My Experience in the Ahli Hospital in Ghaza" at 11:00 a.m. at the Concord Cinema and at 7:00 p.m. at the Professional Association Complex in

SYMPOSIUM

* Syposium on "Children's Literature" at the Royal Cultural Centre — 9:00 a.m.

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Water and energy problems and remedies

TWO fundamental issues have been simultaneously discussed by Jordanian authorities before they become insolvable. One is the water shortage and pollution, and the other is the energy problem which the Kingdom is projected to encounter in the coming years. The first danger has been discussed most recently at the level of the prime minister and senior government officials, and debated earlier within the context of a regional seminar on sustainable rural water supply development under the auspices of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in cooperation with the Economic Development Institution (EDI) of the World Bank and the Ministry of Water and Irrigation and the Water Authority. The purpose of the seminar was to look into new sources of water, including non-traditional ones like recycling treated wastewater for farming purposes and desalination of sea water. Rationalisation of water use was of course uppermost on the minds of the participants at the seminar as this aspect is projected to be the overriding issue no matter what new water sources are improvised by one way or another.

In the realm of energy, the fact that the Higher Council for Science and Technology (HCST) is actively undertaking a feasibility study to set up a gigantic solar power plant that can produce no less than 30 megawatts of electricity is also a very timely preparatory action to face up to the imminent needs of the country in the coming few years.

The fact that the concerned Jordanian authorities are thinking of, studying and taking action on remedial measures to encounter two of the most formidable threats poised at Jordan's doorster proves that the country is taking the bull by the born and where when necessary and is getting adequately ready in the face of these imminent dangers. Jordanians can feel more secure than ever now that they know that Amman is preparing the country for the future water and energy problems head on, the country would be on safer grounds to tackle other dimensions of its development. These two principal challenges of the future have hannted the country for so long and it is a great relief that they are being debated and considered with all the vigour and stamina that the country can muster. In many ways to redress water and energy shortages and problems in an attempt to rectify them constitutes some form of an insurance policy for the future of the country that is urgently needed.

Jordan Press Editorials

Al Ra'i Sunday commented on a two-day meeting by representatives of professional associations in the Arab World and the topics to be discussed. The most pressing issue before these professionals as well as the whole Arab Nation in the coming summit is the Jewish immigration into Palestine and the continued challenge posed to the Arabs by Israel's policies and occupation of holy places, said the paper. It echoed Prime Minister Mudar Badran's address to the conference in which he reiterated Jordan's pledge to stand by the Palestinians at all costs and determination to rally Arab ranks for the sake of defending the holy places. The paper said that the conference is a cry out for all Arabs and Muslims and an appeal to the international community to help end the Israeli atrocities and stop the immigration of Jews into lands owned lawfully by the Palestinian people. The conference is a call on the Arab leaderships to join forces and end side differences and stand together in the face of the common challenges, the paper continued. The conference, it stressed, is a reminder to the Arabs that they should meet at the summit level and should boldly face the common threats to the Arab Order and Arab security.

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily criticises the Ministry of Education for its inconsiderate decisions concerning educational issues of concern to schools, students and parents. Salah Abdul Samad particularly singles out a recent decision by the Ministry of Education for cancelling the so-called spring holiday in the coming 1990-1991 scholastic year, only to rescind the decision a few weeks later. Does this indicate that the Ministry of Education takes time and effort in reaching decisions, or are decisions taken at random without ample consideration? the writer asks. There is a contradiction here between the two decisions and the justifications given for them; and there is a mystery about who takes such decisions, says Abdul Samad. The writer expresses his belief that the confusion behind all this is due to the fact that the minister has the upperhand, even though his views could mean contradicting decisions taken a few weeks earlier. Abdul Samad says the ministry ought to take into consideration all aspects of the educational process before issuing decisions, if the process is to remain stable and achieve its goals.

Al Dustour daily commented on Prince Hassan's address to the Arab Thought Forum conference about Arab education pointing to the developments in the educational fields witnessed in the Arab World over the past two decades. The paper reiterated the Prince's statement that the Arab World endeavours to pursue the march for development and education has been hampered in its efforts by the resgional conflicts as well as the huge debts and poor economies. But, it said, that luminous events occurred in the 1980s and favourable developments emerged that can give the Arabs renewed hope for the future. It said that the new Arab awakening and the Arab countries' realisation of the need to unite, can give impetus to all efforts being taken in the field of education and development at all levels. The paper said that the new decade will be decisive for the Arab Nation which will have to embark on a new initiative towards further solidarity. development and progress.

Palestinians sure uprising can survive right-wing government

By Sami Aboudi Reuter

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM -Palestinians in the occupied territories, convinced an expected right-wing Israeli government will increase repression, say they are confident their revolt can survive a new onslaught.

"We are ready for the new, and perhaps the most dangerous phase in the history of the intifada (uprising), which I believe would not end the revolt," said Professor Sari Nusseibeh, a mainstream Palestinian nationalist

Israeli caretaker Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is trying to put together a coalition with farright and religious parties sworn to put down the 29-month-long Palestinian revolt.

Aides said they were not sure if Shamir would succeed in forming a cabinet this week or require a 21-day extension of his presidential mandate, but they ruled out another national unity govern-ment with the dovish Labour

Palestinians say unlike the former coalition between Labour and Shamir's hardline Likud par- Palestinians of the West Bank newspapers, research organisa-

ty, a right-wing government would be less sensitive to international pressure-and would spare no method to crush the uprising.

Shamir's 15-month-old coalition with Labour collapsed in March when he refused to endorse U.S. proposals to hold the first Palestinian-Israeli peace talks in Cairo. Palestinians expect a rightist Shamir cabinet would freeze peace efforts.

NEWS ANALYSIS

"The new government will send us back to square one from a political standpoint," said Ghassan Al Khatib, a Communist

"A senior Israeli defence official said despite fatigue and internal divisions, the motivation of Palestinians in the occupied territories to continue the intifada remains unbroken.

Many Palestinians say they expect the worst of a right-wing government - more bloodshed, expulsions, house demolitions and economic strangulation for the already battered 1.75 million

Intellectuals and activists say the uprising has gained new momentum in the last month, with almost daily widespread clashes as Palestinians try to seize the initiative again and vent their frustration at the fading prospect for peace talks.

In its latest regular leaflet, the PLO-backed unified leadership of the uprising had called for "more painful strikes against the enemy's army and settlers with stones and firebombs" to confront a right-wing government. "Unfortunately we are going to

face more loss of life and other losses in the near future," said Nusseibeh who believes that he and other East Jerusalem activists could be expelled after the new government is formed.

Israeli soldiers and civilians have killed at least 648 Palestinians and wounded tens of thousands since the outbreak of the uprising in December 1987.

Former Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, a senior Likud figure, has repeatedly called for the expulsion of 50 leading Palestinian nationalists and for the closure of PLO-backed Arab

Sharon, who masterminded the

key ministry.

in 1970.

"Then he was dealing with 250 guerrillas, but now he has to deal with a million Palestinians who feel that their lives hinge on the continuation of the intifada." Yazii said.

The intifada will intensify its challenge not only to Shamir but also to Sharon, who keeps bragging that if he becomes defense minister he will end the intifada."

"Even if he called the entire Israeli army out, he could not end the revolt," said a senior underground activist in the Islamic Re-

1982 invasion of Lebanon to drive out the Palestine Liberation Organisation, is demanding the defence portfolio in a new gov-

But Shamir aides ruled out the former paratroop general for the

"We know Sharon very well here," said Dr. Ahmad Al Yazji, a leading PLO supporter in the Gaza Strip, recalling that Sharon, as the army's southern commander, led an iron-fisted campaign to root out guerrillas in the area

Expectations are modest for Bush-Gorbachev summit

By Barry Schweid The Associated Press

LETTERS

Smokers and passive

smokers

I AM writing about the concern I feel for the people of Jordan and the increase of smokers here in this country. In May I issue of the

Jordan Times there was a very sincere letter printed about the

inhumanity shown towards animals in this country. I write about

the inhumanity shown to the people of this country who do not

smoke but are subjected to the smoke of others. Is it no less cruel

to harm the health of those around you just because you have a

habit you either do not want to quit, or find it too hard to do so?

Several years ago concerned doctors, scientists, environmental-

ists and educated men in the legislature started an anti-smoking

campaign in America to make the public aware of the dangers

smoking incurs. It is because of their concerted efforts that the

people of the U.S. are finally waking up, throwing away their

cigarettes, and quitting the habit. As a result, there has been a

dramatic decrease in all kinds of cancer in the U.S. . These above

mentioned men have proven the dangers of smoking through

years of research that proved that second-hand smoke is extremely harmful to the non-smoker. That left the tobacco

companies worried, to say the least. They started a tough

campaign to rescind all the previous grounds that had been gained

by these cocerned men. It was to no avail. The reason? Because people had finally wised up to what they were doing to their

bodies as well as to the people around them by continuing with this dreadful habit. So, in a desperate attempt to keep the profits

pouring in, the tobacco companies of America are now pushing

(with tremendous success) their products onto the Middle East,

Far East, Near East and European markets. As a result their sales have not suffered in the least and have in fact increased due

to the fact that more and more of these people are starting the

Your country is now trying to start an anti-smoking campaign here out of concern for the Jordanian people. My plea to you

today is to please listen to what they are telling you. Do not ignore the lives of others around you who have to breathe the air you are

polluting. Think of this as a contribution you can make to "Earth

Day" as well as to yourselves and to your families and loved ones.

Most of all, do not let the conglomerates of foreign countries use

you in this way. Do not let them take advantage of your

unawareness on the subject. They love it and are laughing all the

way to the bank every time you lay down your hard earned money on the grocer's counter for a pack of cigarettes. I say all of this out

of the love I have come to feel for the people of Jordan and for this beautiful country. I also say all this out of experience. I

smoked for 12 years, two packs a day, loved it, and didn't quit

until I learned I was to have a baby. That was 7 years ago and I

do not regret one second since I have stopped. I have lost two family members to cancer, cigarette related, and it hurts to think

it could have been prevented. If even one person stops smoking

because of this plea which I have made, I will thank God (who by

the way states that our bodies are a temple and should be treated

with the utmost respect) that it has served its purpose even to a

small degree. Even one life would be worth it all. Thank you all

for listening and God bless you all.

habit of smoking.

To the Editor,

WASHINGTON - The timing of President George Bush's moves on the chemical weapons front are linked to slow progress on other arms control accords and the proximity of the May 30-June 3 superpower summit.

The president is aiming for an agreemnt with Moscow provided he gets it on his terms - to sharply reduce U.S. and Soviet stockpiles of poison gas. According to receent reports, Bush is willing to halt production of U.S. chemical weapons.

Bush wants to do some serious business wth Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev during the summit. Otherwise the two leaders could be accused of unproductive postur-

Months ago, when the summit was scheduled,it looked like an agreement could be ready to reduce long-range nuclear missiles, bombers and

submarines. Only wild optimists expected a finished treaty for Bush and Gorbachev to sign. The issues are complex, and any verification system requires an enormous amount of work and

But considering the Soviet leader's determination to cut nuclear arms and Bush's positive response after an initial delay, the plan was to celebrate the summit with a strategic arms agreement -inprinciple on key issues.

Bush and Gorbachev would: initial the framework accord. and up to 50 per cent of the most dangerous weapons in the world would be consigned to the scrap heap after U.S. and Soviet negotiators in Geneva worked out the details.

But with Gorbachev due here in less than three weeks. the two sides are still far apart. For example: they have

agreed tentatively to eliminate land-based ballistic missiles with multiple warheads. But the Soviets want to extend the ban to such missiles carried by submarines. That is an area of U.S. strength, and the administration is balking.

The Soviets also want to make deeper cuts in air-launched cruise missiles than the United States is willing to accept. The reason is the Pentagon plans a new missile above the cutoff range proposed by Moscow.

Negotiations between the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the Warsaw Pact have also slowed in Vienna on another treaty to reduce troops, tanks and other nonnuclear arms in Europe.

was to have the heads of 35 countries, including Bush and Gorbachev, sign the treaty at a European summit before the end of the year. There is still some hope of reaching that goal.

But Bush's prediction last June that the treaty would be ready by now is falling flat, so he and Gorbachev are unable to anounce that the major arms control accord is at the wrapup stage.

The picture could change

when Secretary of State James Baker holds talks in Moscow next week with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze. But they failed to make serious headway only last week in Bonn.

Thus, a chemical weapons accord is the most promising candidate for the Bush -Gorbachev summit.

Bush wants the Soviets to agree that the two sides should retain small stockpiles of chemical weapons until all 40 nations sign and implement a giobal ban. The Soviets have resisted

until now. The Soviet argument is that

waiting for all 40 nations to carry out the treaty before scrapping the last U.S. and Soviet chemical weapons vould indefinite ridding the world of poison

Some two dozen nations are believed either to possess or be capable of manufacturing poison gas.

Still, reports this week that Bush is willing to halt produc-tion of U.S. chemical weapons probably were made in the belief that enough is settled for Bush and Gorbachev to assure the people of the world that in one dangerous arena there may be cause for hope.

Weekly Political Pulse

Will the Arabs come to the rescue?

By Waleed Sadi

MAKE no mistake about it, the Israeli attack on His Majesty King Hussein's yacht on April 27 was deliberate. As a Royal Court spokesman confirmed, the April 27 incident was not the first to take place in the Aqaba Gulf against the royal yacht. And the fact that live ammunition was fired in the direction of the royal yacht with King Hussein visibly on deck makes the incident in-

deed "ominous" as the Royal

Palace has characterised it.

There is more than a shred of evidence to substantiate the fears that the attack on the royal yacht was an act of piracy. Suffice to recall that the Israeli naval boat which perpetrated the attack on King Hussein was within a mile of the Jordanian shoreline as it pursued the royal yacht. At one stage of the shameful pursuit the Israeli naval boat was no further than few metres from the yacht and close enough to allow the Israeli crew to take pictures of the King. As can be seen, Israel stops at nothing to pursue its sinister goals and conspiracies in the Middle East and against Jordan in particular. The extent Israel has gone to undermine Jordan and its regime has indeed reached treacherous proportions as evidenced by the attack on the

royal yacht. Such aggressive acts against the Kingdom confirms also the suspicions that Jordan and King Hussein are viewed by Israel as principal obstacles in the path of its schemes and designs against the Arab Order. Perhaps such concrete evidences offered by Israel on its intentions against the country would propel the Arab World to take more concrete measures to boast Jordan's defences and well being. The moral of the story is: the more the Arab countries act indif-

ferently to Jordan's pressing

needs, the more Israel will view

Jordan as an easy prey. The minute the Arab World comes more convincingly and strongly in support of Jordan, the more cantious would Israel become towards it.

As long as the Arab Nation projects Jordan as an Arab state which can be left stranded with its economic and defence woes, Israel and its allies may take this as a clear signal that there is no limit to where they may go to pursue their designs against the kingdom. It has been said before, over and over again, that Jordan stands out as the first line of defence from Israel for the entire Arab Order. If Jordan is weakened, so does this first line of defence. It is high time that the Arab countries take Jordan's needs seriously. There is still hope that the projected Arab summit would take these needs

seriously and act accordingly.

The country's economic requirements stand out now as most pressing of all. Without economic strength, the stability and security of the Kingdom could be threatened. There are growing signs that with even modest Arab support, the vulnerability of the country to outside conspiracies would diminish considerably. An attack so naked as the one perpetrated by Israel on Jordan's head of state should at least awaken the conscious of the entire Arab Nation to the urgent need for inter-Arab solidarity. What is alarming in this context is the absence of even an Arab outcry in the wake of the Aqaba incident. Perhaps this muted Arab reaction to the Aqaba attack can still be rectified by the show of meaningful Arab support to Jordan when the Arab summit convenes soon. Otherwise, no one would take Arab rhetoric in support for Arab causes

Baltic republics appeal

(Continued from page 1)

in the United States and with top leaders in Canada, France, Britain and West Germany.

ceived, most Western governments have adopted a cautious attitude towards Lithuania, unwilling to grant formal recognition for fear of causing more trouble for Gorbachev as he wrestles with economic reform, ethnic strife, arms control and other issues.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater emphasised that Bush's May 3 meeting with Prunskiene did not change the U.S. policy of not formally recognising Lithuania as a separate

Prunskiene said Sunday she was heartened that Western leaders were pushing negotiations between Lithuania and the Krem- 1 san; lin. "The fact that they see us, sixsk as partners in negotiations is a Remain sign that we're already seen as a seen;

state," she said.

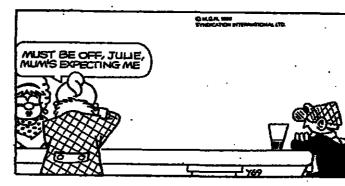
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West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and French President Francois Mitterrand proposed in an April 26 letter that Lithuania temporarily suspend its independence and enter into talks. pendence and enter into talks & 8 2 with the Kremlin. Leaders in water Moscow and Vilnius, the Lithuanian capital, are interpreting the Kohl-Mitterrand letter different having ly, but appear to be edging to winter wards a compromise along the last sall lines it proposes.

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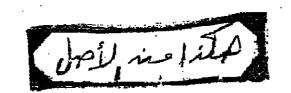


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Reatha Nasrawi

'Arab solidarity and united political action the only answer to dangers'

By Nermeen Murad

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THE MASSIVE Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel and the occupied territories poses a multi-fold threat to the Arab World, and the only Arab enswer to the danger is through solidarity and "united political decision.

This was the summary of a working paper presented by Lower House of Parliament member Taber Al Masri at a conference of Arab professionall associations which opened here Saturday. The working paper offered a detailed review of not only the demographic threats posed to the Palestinians and Arabs by the Soviet influx to Israel and the occupied Arab territories but also the "inevitability of the implementation" of the Zionist plan for a "greater Israci."

Noting that over 65.000 Soviet Jews would have left their native land to Israel by the end of May, raising to 150,000 the total number of Soviet Jewish immigrants to Israel during the year 1990, Masri, a former foreign minister, warned that if the massive number highlights the demographic threat to the Palestinians living in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, the scientific qualifications of the immigrants pose a danger of a larger magnitude to the Arab Nation.

"Information indicates that 35 to 40 per cent of these immigrants possess high scien-tific qualifications, which could be of great benefit to Israel's technology," said the parliamentarian. Such added knowledge, he said, will "bring about new borizons, a clearer suptemacy and encouragement to Israeli expansionism at the expense of the whole Arab Na-

Masri predicted that Israel would thus be further encouraged to pursue its plans and force the same number (as the Jewish immigrants), halī a miltion Palestinians, to leave occupied Palestine to Jordan."

"This would also mean that Arab national security is more threatened than ever," he

movement also plans to occupy Jordan tomorrow and other Arab countries the day after, whether in the form of physical occupation or through clear control," Masri said.

The former minister also warned of the growing threat of Israel pursuing its theory of "the alternative Palestinian homeland in Jordan" since it has become the almost public policy of the right-wing Likud bloc headed by Shamir.

"It is precisely out of this thinking that Shamir made

"Egypt, Sudan, Syria and Iraq depend greatly on the Nile and Euphrates as a source of life; it is not a coincidence that we hear of all these dams being constructed in Turkey and Ethionia "

Masri quoted temarks made by Israeli caretaker Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir in an interview with the Hebrew daily Yediot Ahranot that in order to accommodate the large number of Soviet Jewish immigrants Israel would "need a large plot of land to allow each immigrant the freedom to settle wherever

he wants on this land." Shamir also said that "the Arabs cannot stop this natural flow of Jewish people to their land and this, at the end, is the crux of the conflict," Masri

These statements, according to Masri, clearly reflect the Zionist movement's past, present and future policy that "immigration and settlement are the core of Zionism."

"Just as it planned and occupied Palestine, the Zionist

statements, during a visit to the U.S. in April 1989, that Israel supports Palestinian self-determination on 'their land,' east of the river," Masri said.

Masri, head of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Lower House, linked the timing of massive Soviet Jewish immigration to Palestine with changes in the Arab World.

"Egypt, Sudan, Syria and Iraq depend greatly on the Nile and Euphrates as a source of life; it is not a coincidence that we hear of all these dams being constructed in Turkey and Ethiopia," Masri said.

He further explained that Zionist and Jewish organisations as well as their supporters "will exploit this situation... and will work on harming Arab national security through a door that they will knock persistently."

"The indications show that Israeli-Ethiopian cooperation is heading in this direction," be

Masri also pointed to the fact that despite the August 1988 ceasefire, "the Iran-Iraq front is still, although stable at this time, a pithole which can start burning at any time."

He also warned that all these factors come together at a time when strategic studies of the region indicates that "Arab oil will return to the frontline of world economy in the mid-1990s."

"We have to understand that current affairs in our region are only parts of greater strategic plans aimed at limiting the power of the Arab Nation and keeping it busy with internal conflicts." Masri said.

These strategic plans, according to Masri, target the economy of the Arab World and its unity "to hinder it from becoming a very effective power on international arena, especially at this age of political and economic groupings."

He blamed Arab countries for their "short-visioned political decisions." and said that Soviet-Jewish immigration to Palestine had highlighted the Arab leaders" inability to "fulfil the hopes of the nation and its aspirations to confront the dangers surrounding it and its fu-

"Official and public reactions to the threat of Jewish immigration highlight the difference between the leaders and their people," Masri said.

He accused the official Arab reaction , being "shy and de-



Taher Al Masri

layed," saying that the Arabs "have no political or economic or any type of weight except perhaps in the field of consumer marketing."

He concluded that the absence of Arab unity was the main cause of what he described as the three Arab catastrophes: in 1948, 1967 and

Masri said there was one positive element in the region at this time: The Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories. "It is the only lit torch in the Arab darkness and the practical and realistic indication that the Palestinian people will not die," he said.

But he lamented that the uprising was not receiving the support it deserves from the Arab Nation, "This intifada, which is asking very little from its brothers, suffers from the injustice of its brothers," he

"It does not receive the financial and political support needed, and its mention has become a normal affair in Arab politics."

He pointed out that Jordan, the twin of Palestine and the first defence line, also suffers from its brothers and friends."

Rumeihy brought together several ideas aimed at protecting the stead-fastness of the intifada by highlighting

"some governments stands today short of fulfilling their financial

liations, the Palestinians are maintaining the maximum level of unity," Rumethy pointed out.

He called for the establishment of a

nedical project" in Jordan to treat Palestinians injured in the uprising.

The enemy has tried to utilise the open bridges policy to its favour, and this is our opportunity to do the Rumeihy called for a change in the

political and media policies of the different Arab governments with a view to "leaving behind the rhetoric and concentrating on restructuring our style in presenting our problems to the world." "International opinion understands

facts and accepts them but not rhetoric and poetry," he said.

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Awareness is growing in the West of realities of Jewish immigration

By Lamis K. Andoni

This is the first part of a three-part analytical report on a symposium held in Amman last week on "U.S. policy in the Middle East."

ALTHOUGH one of the main factors shaping the Western attitude towards Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel remains "commitment to Jewish human rights," there is an increasing awareness of the grave repercussions of the massive immigrant influx on the Middle East peace process and Palestinian national rights. This rather slow albeit impor-

tant shift was reflected in discussions held here last week among Arab intellectuals and politicians and a group of promnent Middle East experts from the University of Harvard. It was particularly expressed in the concluding assessments of the participants in the symposium, held under the title "American policy in the Middle East" and organised by the Arab Thought Forum (ATF) between May 5-7. In the final session, the participants drew the attention of world governments to the dangers posed to the peace process by Soviet Jewish immigration and blamed some Western countries for not absorbing enough number of Soviet emigrants and thus forc-

ing them to opt for Israel. Judging by the two-day discussions and most of the working papers submitted, the apparent gradual shift could be attributed to a number of factors: - Moscow's endorsement of

liberal and open policy regarding emigration of its citizens, particularly Jews, has ironically diminished the importance of the issue as strictly a case of human rights. After all, as some participants argued, the doors are now wide open for Jews as well as others to leave the Soviet Union. - Israeli statements emph-

asising the need for new immigrants to fulfil the dream of "greater Israel" as well as the practices of the occupation authorities - particularly the recent takeover by governmentbacked settlers of a churchowned hostel in the Christian quarter of Arab Jerusalem — is drawing growing attention to the aims of settling Soviet Jews

- In some ways - despite its grave consequences - the issue of Soviet immigrants seems to be refocusing the attention on the Palestinian people's right to return and self-determination.

- The U.S. curb on the number of Soviet emigrants it is ready to absorb is raising doubts among some Western and American academic intellectuals about American concern over "the plight of the Soviet Jews" and the Middle East peace process.

Presenting a paper on the impact of the end of the cold war on the Middle East, Dr. Everret Mendelson from Harvard bluntly declared that the U.S. had demonstrated "a moral failure on the issue." It provoked U.S. Ambassador to Jordan Roscoe Suddarath to counter that there was no deliberate American policy to limit the number of Soviet Jewish immigrants to the U.S.

In the final analysis, the points mentioned above could provide a basis for Arab action on the international level to counter Soviet Jewish immigration to Palestine. Nevertheless, the discussions at the ATF also indicated that there are important points of disagreement between the Arab perspective and the American approach even among those who basically oppose the encroachment on Palestinian national rights and adverse impacts on the peace

The issue is still dealt with, to varying degrees, as a basic human right case and priority is almost always given to Jews' right to leave the Soviet Union. This was particularly evident when, in the process of drafting the conclusions of the Amman symposium, several American academicians almost automatically stated support for Soviet Jews' right to emigrate as the number one item. The initial draft drew expressions of strong resentment from Arab participant who argued that the issue at stake was not the right of the

Jews to leave the Soviet Union but the practical impacts of their influx to Israel on the peace process and Palestinian nights.

Moreover, while most American academics who condemn the exclusion of Palestinian rights try to draw a symmetrical relationship between Soviet Jewish immigrants' rights and Palestinian rights, Arabs resent such an argument. In a brief intervention during the final session, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan argued that there could not be symmetry between the right of Soviet Jews to leave the Soviet Union and the Palestinian people's national right to self-determination and to return to their usurped homeland. For many Arab participants, drawing such a symmetrical relationship would substantiate the right of Jews, regardless of their country of origin, to settle in Israel or the occupied Arab territories at the expense of the indigeneous Arab population.

Another significant difference is that while Arabs view the settlement of Soviet Jews in Israel "proper" as a prelude to a mass eviction of Palestinians from the occupied territories. Western academics are very careful to make a clear distinction between settling the immigrants in Israel and moving them to the West Bank and

This Western attitude apparently for fear of being accused of opposing 'Jewish human rights" - has so far prompted the Arabs, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), to avoid direct and explicit opposition to Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel "proper."

But in the symposium the issue was tackled in a more candid manner. Arab participants, particularly His Majesty King Hussein's Political Advisor Adnan Abu Odeh, strongly argued that Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel fits into Israel's systematic policy of annexing the occupied territories and creating new facts on the ground that would obstruct the peace process.



'No shift in Soviet stand' modifications in the forms and

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lews to Israel, Andropov said the right of emigrants to recein their Soviet-passprots was not part of existing laws. "We are now working towards the amendment of the regulations to allow emigrants to retain their passports," the Soviet

official said.

Andropov vehemently rejected Andropow-vehemently rejected ingressions that the new Soviet policies towards Jewish enigration had grave repercussions for the Palestinian people.

"We simply cannot prevent citizens from leaving the country."

he argued. "But you cannot say that we are causing damage to the Palestinians; after all, we cannot influence nor regulate the iminigration of Soviet Jews," he said.

"How can we influence the American Congress or make it increase the number of Soviet Jewish immigrants in the occupied territories and said that Soviet authorities as a policy, explain to Jewish emigrants the legal status of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and

the pertaining international laws.
"We are doing all of that; but tell us how can we stop the process (of Israel settling Jewish immigrants in the occupied lands," he

The official dismissed sugges-tions by some Western analysis and academics that perestrolka has given rise to a new wave of fierce anti-semitism threatening Soviet Jews, who "are desperately seek-

ing to leave."
"Such assessments exaggerate
the influence of some groups," be
said pointing out that Soviet authorities do not support or agree with ideas promoted by Pamyat, an extreme Russian nationalist group. How about the official Soviet position and the views and trends which are expressed in the Soviet press and media against such views?" he posed a counter ques-

tion. Andropov said Moscow had not shelved its offer to host a direct israeli-Palestinian dialogue. The idea was first alred by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze during his Middle East tour last year. Andropov said there was no change in the Soviet position," but these contacts should be preliminary to and linked with preparations for an international peace confer-

Andropov said that Moscow remains committed to an international peace conference in which all parties involved in the conflict. including the FLO, should take

part.
"I do not think that there has been any major change on the Soviet position" since Shevardnadze's visit to the Middle East, he

Asked how the new changes within the context of perestroiks were affecting traditional Soviet support for national liberation movements, Andropov denied that there was a shift in the political special we will continue to support national liberation movements, but the difference will be reflected in . the means of this political sup-

port," he maintained.

Andropov refused to elaborate or give specific detailed examples but said. The modifications in the means of support are largely dictated by domestic limitations which no longer allow for the same forms of support for national liberation

He explained that the same applied to the PLO to the extent of -

means of support for the Palesti-

nian movement, but this change will not influence the political support for the organisation. Asked whether he thought the shift to the right in Eastern Europe

would have a tremendous influence on the Soviet political process, Andropov reviewed the dif-ferences between the two situa-"I do not think that a similar process can be repeated in the

Soviet Union ... it is not possible to make parallels between the two situations," he argued, but conceded that his country was facing "a very complicated situation." Andropov, son of the late President Yuri Andropov, dismissed reports that President Mikhail Gorbachev was in real danger and that the Communist Party was in

jeopardy as a result of the sweeping changes in his country and in Eastern Europe. There is no doubt that the train (of change) is moving with a great speed that is continuously accelerating, but it does not mean that the Communist

Party is about to collapse," he said.

Asked whether he believed that
the current changes in Europe
would increase European influence in the Middle East at the expense of the Americans, Andropov, an expert on European affairs, ruled cut possibilities for an immediate decline of the U.S. role. "There is not threat to the American role or influence, which cannot be diminished or underestimated either in Europe or the Middle East at this

stage of our history," he said. But he went on to say that the future role of Europe would be determined to a large extent by the idea of the resulfication of the two Germanys and what he described as "putting the European house in order." He called for new structures and order in Europe and expressed a belief in "a common European house" involving all countries and systems in Europe.

Andropov left Jordan for Syria as part of a tour in preparation for a Mediterranean security confer-ence scheduled to be held in Spain next September. The conference will be attended by 35 countries and will discuss issues of arms control as well as ecological prob-

Shamir

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scheme with Israel, But it did not say specifically whether Arab Jerusalem residents could participate in elections or be on the negotiating

U.S. proposals tried to exploit this vagueness to meet Palestinian demands that Jerusalem be subject to negotiation and that Arab Jerusalem Palestinians be allowed to participate in the elections and in a 10-member Palestiman delegation to preliminary talks with Israel.

Another policy plank in a Likud-led government would "stress that Israel will not speak to the PLO (Palestine Liberation

Organisation)," said the official. Moshe Zeev Feldman, a lawmaker of the ultra-orthodox Agudat Israel party, said that Daniel Kurtzer, a top adviser to Baker, left open the possibility that U.S. proposals could be revised.

full force," sources said. Youth organisations and women's (Continued from page 1)

However, until late Sunday, it was

However, until late Sunday, it was evident that certain political groupings would not officially participate in the march nor would they express public support for it.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) has expressed its support for the march "to Palestine," but a representative who scale to the lor-

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it," the PLO representative said. The Muslim Brotherhood held a press conference Sunday in which it announced that while it was not parti-

it," (see story on page 3).

The main problem against the participation of certain political trends is seen by observers as an "indication of these political parties' rejection of the peaceful features of the march." One political analyst pointed out

"accepting the existence of an Israeli Although the PLO has publicly recognised Israel's right to exist, its reluctance to publicly support the march "is an attempt at making amends with the view of the Islamists within its body," one observer said.

beration of Palestine (DFLP), the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) as well as most Arab nationalists and Baathists are expected to take part in the march "in

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All set for 'right of return' march

nouncing Soviet Jewish immigration," an advertisement by Zarqa Deputy Bassam Haddadin said

dan Times on condition of anonymity maintained that the PLO's backing "Some Palestinian personalities might participate in the march but not as an expression of official support for

cipating in the march it was "not calling on our supporters to boycott

that while the "right of return" is an objective for all Palestinians regardless of ideology or affiliation,

The Democratic Front for the Li-

federations and associations have also called on their members to participate and provided transportation to the

valley.
Jordan Valley municipalities and farmer's unions called on Ghor residents to welcome the participants in the march and proceed with them to the bridge.

In yesterday's final session of the

professional unions representatives' meeting which preceded the march three working papers were discussed. They dealt with the threats of Soviet Jewish immigration, Palestinian busupport the Palestinian uprising. In the mornings session of Sunday's meetings Dr. Muhammad Faeq,

secretary general of the Arab Orga-

nisation for Human Rights, delivered a working paper on "human rights and the right of return for the Palesti-Faeq detailed legal documents and international resolutions supporting the Palestinians "right of return" and blamed the delay in its implementa-tion to "lack of Arab power to ex-

ccute these decisions," "This is our right. International law backs us. But we lack the strength to support the implementation of these rights," Faeq said.

He linked the Palestinians' right of

return to Soviet Jewish immigration into the occupied territories. "There is no way to summarise facts and bring them closer to the truth than connecting Soviet immigration into Palestine and the right of the Palestinian people to return to their home-land," he said.

"We have to support the struggle for our just cause which the whole world has accepted as our given right for half a century now.. we have no right to sit back and not pressure for it," Faeq concluded.

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In the afternoon session, Dr. Mohammad Al Rumeihy, editor in chief of Kuwait's Al Arabi magazine, delivered a short working paper enti-tled "an attempt to crystallise practical proposals to support the intifada."

the loopholes in Arab support for the His main and most profound com-plaint stemmed from his feeling that

Rumeihy called on Arab go ments to adopt the example of the Palestinian people's struggle inside the occupied territories. "The intifada is not the property of one political ideology over another or one party over another. It is the property of all the Palestinian people regardless of their different beliefs, ideologies or social strata.. it is a white page in the Arab history and it remains our duty

"Regardless of their political affi-

same." he said

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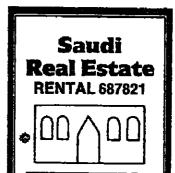
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Iraq to raise oil price issue at Arab summit of light crudes is around \$2 below the reference price of \$18 a

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Iraq and other Arab oil exporters, hurting from low prices, may tack'e Gulf barrel" above its OPEC share of producers over output levels at this month's Arab summit, regional oil officials said Sunday.

"I do not have the slightest doubt that the issue will be discussed somehow, somewhere durig the summit," a senior Gulf oil official told Reuters by tele-

If prices fall further between now and May 28 Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are sure to face pressure to cut output, said the official, who regularly attends meetings of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

The Arab summit in Baghdad has been called mainly to focus anger over the influx of Soviet Jews to Palestine.

But officials said that on the sidelines of the summit Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, supported by fellow OPEC members Algeria, Libya and non-OPEC Egypt, and Oman, was likely to ask Gulf Arab oil producers to limit output in an effort to raise

At a meeting of the 13 OPEC oil ministers in Geneva on May 3, Iraq tried but failed to obtain strong commitments from Kuwait and the UAE to return to their output quotas.

Instead, the group opted for voluntary cuts intended to raise prices to OPEC's minimum reference price of \$18 a barrel. If implemented, the cuts would take away about six per cent of OPEC's total production of arouge 23.5 million.

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporters, has already signalled it wants higher prices. Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer

WASHINGTON (R) - Republi-

cans in the U.S. Congress, thrown

off guard by President George

Bush's decision to call budget

deficit talks which may open the

door to higher taxes, are loudly

reminding him of his campaign

voices belong to conservatives

intent on keeping alive Bush's

Republican Senator William

Roth told anti-tax legislators and

anti-tax groups: "I have a mes-

sage for the president. Read my

ips: 'Keep the campaign

Democrat congressmen are

equally concerned about the

meeting Tuesday between the

Republican president and legisla-

Dy Stephen Powell Reuter

RIO DE JANEIRO - The ing-

enuity of Brazilian businessmen

has pumped billions of dollars

back into an already overheated

economy despite a draconian

government freeze on financial

Faced by an annual inflation

rate of nearly 5,000 per cent,

newly-elected President Fernan-

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Eyes focus on Bush

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remaining above its OPEC quota

The UAE has said it would

reduce production by 200,000

bpd, but surprised OPEC dele-

gates when it announced that the

cut would be made from an out-

put level of 2.1 million instead of

the widely-expected level of two

"If the market does not re-

"The Iraqis feel that OPEC

He said President Hussein

decisions have not been defini-

could rely on support from

Egypt, Libya, Algeria and Oman.

tries who are hurt most," the

Better prices are vital for coun-

tries like Egypt, Algeria and Iraq

to help them settle foreign debts.

Unlike rich Gulf Arab producers.

they do not have spare capacity to

increase output and benefit from

the recent surge in world de-

budget deficit, they may have to

take the blame in November's

taxes are needed if the adminis-

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attempt to lower a federal budget

deficit which is expected to top

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Some analysts say the deficit

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A few weeks later, the talk is

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Gulf based oil industry execu-

For the Arab countries, who own over 70 per cent of the UAE and Kuwait, with reworld's proven oil reserves, this means a loss of around 32 million serves that could last more than 130 years at prescut production dollars a day. levels, want OPEC's reference price of \$18 a barrel to stay

Riyadh in compliance

Saudi Arabia has complied with the recent OPEC agreement to cut oil production, Nazer said. tives say Kuwait will only cut balf Speaking to journalists in Riyadh on his return from a visit to the United States, Nazer said the kingdom "has executed all that it pledged" at the OPEC

> Nazer said the accord was a good one, and prices have now gun to rise gradually.

He said the summer period was traditionally difficult one for crude oil marketing. Nazer visited the United States

last week to review the operaspond because some of the tions of Star Enterprise, the kingmemebrs are not that serious in dom's U.S. refining and markettheir commitments, then the issue will most probably be raised by the Iraqis," said the official who ing joint venture with Texaco Incorporated.

Later Sunday, Nazer held a meeting with his Iraqi counterpart Issam Al Chalabi during which the two ministers discussed the situation in the oil markets following the Geneva accord. Chalabi was in Riyadh for the fifth meeting of the Iraqi-Saudi joint commission which he cochairs with Saudi Commerce

Minister Suleiman Al Solaim. After the meeting with Nazer, Chalabi said he was optimistic that all OPEC states will adhere to the pact. He said Saudi Arabia and Iraq were committed to carrying out the Geneva decisions until we witness an improvement in oil prices."

George Bush

high enough.

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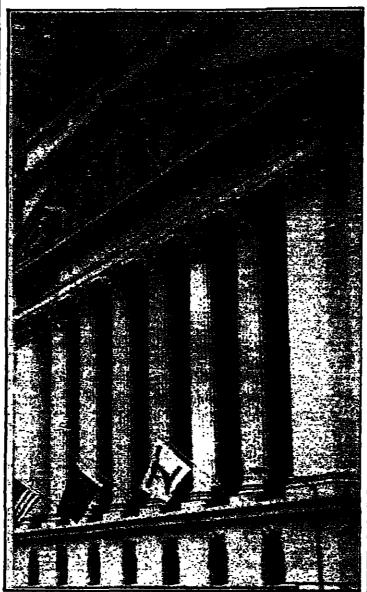
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Traders at Wall Street, the world's biggest financial centre, are relieved after economic reports indicated that the U.S. economy is experiencing steady but slow growth without high inflation (file

Wall Street takes it easy

long-running debate over whether the American economy is growing too fast or too slowly, Wall Street has begun to entertain the possibility that neither side is right.

A surprising run of statistical reports in recent days has prompted some analysts to toy with the idea that conditions are close to a metad been building with process happy medium — favouring con-tinued slow but steady growth without any drastic change in

Few people in the forecasting proclaim "clear skies ahead" and flip the switches off on their computer-powered crystal balls. As practitioners of the dismal science, they are paid to worry continuously about whatever

might go wrong. Still, just a few hints that the economy might be maintaining a healthy, sustainable momentum have been enough to lift the stock market to near-record levels of

For the moment, neither the inflation nor the recession worries that have beset the financial world in recent months appear to have come to fruition.

"Some economists are convinced that the economy could fall into a recession because there is a credit crunch in the financial markets," said Edward Yardeni at Prudential-Bache Securities. "We've argued that this is just another scare which will soon blow away.

Optimism vs. pessimism

"So far the optimistic approach seems to be outperforming the pessimistic approach to investing, although we admit that the first four months of the year were not kind to bond investors.

"We believe the inflation scare which unnerved the bond market is just about over, and the credit crunch scare may soon be over as

NEW YORK (AP) - In the gan to brighten early this month their highest levels in a year.

The labour department's report on April employment, showing much slower than expected growth in jobs, seemed to signal that the pace of business wasn't strong enough to support the kind of inflationary expectations that:

That positive view took onsome fresh urgency Friday, when word came of a 0.3 per cent drop in the producer price index of finished goods and a 0.6 per cent

That helped the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials post a 91.22-point gain for the past week to 2,801.58, notfar short of the record closing high of 2,810.15 reached Jan. 2.

Other readings for the week showed the New York Stock Exchange composite index up 6.83 at 192.24, the NASDAQ composite index for the over-the-counter market up 9.49 at 438.10, and the American Stock Exchange market value index up 6.77 at

Volume on the big board averaged 164.34 million shares a day, up from 139.90 million the week before.

The revival of optimism in the stock market by no means reflects a unanimously rosy view of the outlook.

Indeed, some economists on the street lately have lowered their estimates of growth for the spring and summer months, at the same time that others are raising their projections.

Inflation fears die hard, especially in the bond market. Furthermore, analysts remain mindful of how frequently and rapidly sentiment has shifted among investors recently.

"The economy and inflation have given false signals in the past," says the value line investment survey in its current appraisal of business prospects. Volatility is likely to remain the

German monetary union draft omits key issues

BONN (R) - Experts from East and West Germany omitted some key issues when they agreed a draft treaty on monetary union, Bonn government sources said Sunday.

The treaty, which will form the basis for merging the two German economies in July, leaves out details on protecting East German property from Western speculators and on helping East German enterprises and farms to adapt to a free-market economy, the sources said.

These important issues will instead be contained in a supplement to the treaty, they said.

The experts who prepared the treaty agreed that Western investors could purchase property in East Germany if they set up businesses and created jobs

The draft treaty was finally concluded just before midnight Saturday after a marathon 30hour session. This meant that Bonn and East Berlin were still on course to introduce the powerful West German mark into East-Germany July 2.

.A Bonn government spokesman said the draft would be handed to the two governments for negotiation and approval this

The parties in West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl's ruling centre-right coalition are due to debate it Tuesday. Kohl will brief prime ministers of West Germany's states Wednesday and the cabinet hopes to approve the treaty Friday.

The West German parliament should give its stamp of approval to the treaty in late June.

Kohl warned East Germany last week that the introduction of the West German mark was linked to sweeping economic reforms, such as property rights for non-East Germans.

The finance ministers of the to begin formal talks on the treaty's economic consequences. Kohl is also expected to meet East German Prime Minister Lothar de Maiziere informatly.

The Bonn sources said the main test was whether East Germany's ruling coalition would ratify the draft and its supplements. The Social Democrats, iunior coalition partners, have demanded more protection for the poor and elderly.

East Germans on fixed incomes such as pensioners and the poor are expected to suffer most when price subsidies are scrapped and prices rocket. But the experts agreed that no

pensioners should be worse off after monetary union, with the state footing the bill.

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Sunday, May 13, 1990 Central Bank official rates

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Pound Sterling	1118.0	1124.7
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Swiss franc	475.9	478.8
Prench franc	120.4	121.1
Spanese yen (for 100)	435:6	438.2
Dutch guilder	361.7	-363.9
Swedish crown	111.0	111.7
talian lira (for 100)	55.1	55.4
Belgian franc (for 10)	197.0	198.2

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FORECAST FOR MONDAY MAY 14, 1996 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Your charm, energy and a considerable amount of magnetism can help you turn; unexpected blems into advantages today. Keep a highly objective point of view and enjoy the good aspects.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) A day and evening when your usual activities are of first importance and by doing them with your most skill you can make extraordinary

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) An excellent time for planning every aspect of whatever amusement you like the most and get congenial companions to consent to go with GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Your judgment is fine how you can

increase the accord between you

and family members but for best results don't hesitate but make changes at once. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Don't be emotional but in any communications or calls make

a point to be very cool and practical and you get a reputation for

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) You are a generous spender and in all money matters but this is the day when you see ways to build up your resources so you will have more

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) You have very productive spe-

cific ideas now by which you can bring to yourself more of the per-sonal benefits which mean the

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) You have a backlog of duties to get caught up on and this is an excellent time to do so as well as

blueprinting your future wishes carefully. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Some friend who is very particular in doing everything to perfection can understand your eeds and greatly assist you in attaining them.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Outside activities of all kinds are the best media by which you can utilize your abilities to fullest advantage both today and

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CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Be openminded to all kinds of advanced and new interests now awaiting to come into your life and they could be developed to your benefit. .

AOUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) An excellent day and even-ing for you to analyze and size up both what your greatest potential in assets is as well as your obliga-

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You have the chance to have extended conversations with various partners and associates and to arrive at a new meeting of minds with



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day in office stunned Brazil, Ecobeen checked. GDP April 30. She put GDP at pomists described it as one of the Three major anti-inflation order of the day." The mood in the markets be-Corporations ignore oppression in battle for

By David Brunnstrom The Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand -Governments worldwide condemaed Burma's military rulers for killing thousands of pro-demecracy demonstrators in 1988, but international corporations are vying to exploit the country's resources.

While govennment cut off aid to protest the killings, major U.S., Australian, British, and Japanese companies have secured agreements to extract oil in Burna.

Thailand, which made no protest, is exploiting its neighbour's rich teakwood and fish reserves.

After more than a quarter century of socialist isolationism. Burma is finally inviting

foreign companies to trade. Last year foreign investment brought at least a billion dollars into the impoverished state, according to Rangoon-based diplomats.

Business executives argue that investing in Burma will speed development and encourage political liberalisation.

But Burmese dissidents and others have condemned dealings with a government that bayoneted and shot thousands to crush dissent, and is accused by Amnesty International and other human rights groups of continuing to arbitrarily arrest and torture opponents.

Dissidents say investment will only help entrench the junta. The sale of oil, logging and fishing concessions also threatens to denude the country's natural resources, and much of the income is squandered in Rangoon's war against ethnic rebel groups, they say.

"This is not for the benefit of the people of Burma, only the military government," said Moe Thi Zun, head of the exiled anti-government All Burma Students' Democratic Front.

The junta has promised to hold a national election May 27, but the prospect for substantive political change looks dim, given that major political opponents have been arrested and cannot run for office.

Orchestrated election

Many diplomats predict an army-orchestrated election that will fail to soothe an embittered

Some diplomats believe the election is aimed less at satisfying popular demands for political change than at persuading aggressive trading nations like Japan to restart major aid projects and promote further investment.

vote, then the government will have achieved what it set out to." a diplomat said. But Japan expressed its displeasure after the junta banned

"If Japan gives approval to the

opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi from the polls, and has indicated that it expects to see real political changes. Before she was put under house arrest in July, Sun Kyi said

investment in the existing government could work against demo-"It would be so much better if people could put human rights

issues above economic issues,

where the human rights issue is so pressing," she said. But for business, profits come

first, and some executives contend that their involvement will at least help the Burmese people by promoting a healthy economy. Since last year, the U.S. oil

companies Amoco and Unocal; Croft and Kirkland from Britain; Broken Hill Petroleum of Australia; Petro-Canada; the joint British and Dutch giant Shell; and South Korea's Yukong all have secured agreements to operate onshore in Burma. Idemisty of Japan and Britain's Premier Petroleum have agreed to explore

Pepsi Cola, the U.S. softdrinking giant, is building a factory just outside Rangoon. Last year, Coca Cola signed a production agreement.

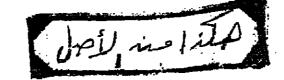
Other companies, including Daewoo of South Korea, have signed joint venture agreements and a string of obscure Thai concerns have bought up vast and lucrative timber and fishing con-Last mouth the U.S. senate

unanimously approved a bill by Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan banning all imports from Burma. Critics say such moves are hypocritical while U.S. companies are not barred from operating in the country.
But diplomats say governments

cannot keep companies out of Burma without approving draco-, nian sanctions like those against apartheid in South Africa.

'Obviously we like to stay out of politics," said Pepsi's Barry Shea, noting his company had beaten rival Coca Cola into Витпа.





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Meanwhile. John McEnroe's

withdrawal from the men's Italian

compounded the woes of organis-

ranked players. The 1988 champion Ivan

Edberg and Andre Agassi de-

cided to stay away from Rome's

Foro Italico. Lendi has never

been happy in Rome where he

has been given a tough time by

But the organisers said Satur-

day they were trying up to the last

minute to get big name replace-

ments for McEnroe and fellow

American Pete Sampras, who

both withdrew because of injury.

Romans when he played the Ita-

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Now the organisers are worried

about whether they can attract

the crowds to the Foro with the

uninspiring Brad Glbert as top

McEnroe, who delighted the

In contrast to the high profile

ers of the event

Mochrie leads in Crestar Golf

CHESAPEAKE, Virginia (R) - Dotti Mochrie shot a career-low round of saven-under-par 65 to take a seven-stroke lead over Rosse Jones after the second round of the Crestar Golf tournsment Sunday, Jones shot a 70 on the day. Chris Johnson, who shot a 67, enters Monday's final round in third place, eight strokes off the pace. Mochrie, who began the day two-strokes in the lead, had a bogey on her first hole to fall back to four-under par and tied with Vicki Fergon, Dec Dee Lasker and Rosie Jones. Mochrie got her footing with her first birdie of the day on the par-three fourth hole to get back to five-under-par. She shot two more birdies on the front side to turn at seven-under with a four-stroke lead over Fergon. Fergon lost ground in her chase after she double-bogeyed the difficult par-four 13th hole to fall back to two-under-par for the tournament. Mochrie caught fire with birdies in 12, 14, 15, 17 and 18 and only had one bogey on the par-four 13th hole to finish with her personal-best 65.

U.S. Alax draw 1-1 in soccer

WASHINGTON, D.C. (R) — The United States national team, participating in World Cup competition for the first time in 40 years, overcame a careless mistake to draw Ajax of Amsterdam 1-1 in a preliminary World Cup match Saturday, The U.S. goal came at the 84th minute of play after midfielder John Harkes took the ball from a head shot of teammate Bruce Murray and kickedin the equaliser against the reigning Dutch champions. The Americans, however, allowed an easy goal at the 15th minute when goalie Kasey Keller let a pass bounce off his knee and then watched as the ball rolled straight to Ronald de Boer, who ran past the shocked Keller to give Ajax a 1-0 lead. The game, played at Robert Kennedy Memorial stadium before a crowd of 13,245, began with both teams feeling each other out and exchanging shots on goal, but the Americans squandered several scoring

Costa Rica loses 2-1 to Lazlo

ROME (AP) - Lazio of Rome downed Costa Rica's national soccer team 2-1 in a World Cup warmup match Saturday. Playing in heavy rain, the Costa Rican team went one up 24 minutes into the first half on a goal by Medford. Keyed by fresh players entering at halftime, the Roman team stepped up its offence and was rewarded with two goals in the final 29, both coming on actions by Lazio's Paolo Di Canio. Costa Rica coach Bora Milutinovic was satisfied with the outcome, saying according to Italian sports daily Corriere Dello Sport: "I would have preferred to win, but this result is fine with me, too. ... I am trying to find out who deserves to play in the World Cup."

Matsumoto wins Japanese race

Yamaguchi, Japan (AP) - Keiji Massumoto, driving a Dunlop T90-50 from the pole position, won an F3000 auto race Sunday by half a second. Matsumoto sped 72 laps around the 2.8-kilometre (1.7-mile) Nishi Nihon circuit, in western Japan, in 1 hour, 14 minutes, 51.717 seconds, at an average speed of 162.44 kilometres (100.7 miles) an hour. Hitoshi Komuro, in a Tonen Lola, finished second in 1:14:52.229. Third was Italian Emico Bertaggia in 1:15:28.183. He drove a Lola T90. Driving a 908 Mugen, Christian Danner of West Germany placed ninth, one lap behind the winner. Volker Weidler of West Germany, in a Lola, finished 11th. American Ross Cheever, driving a Dunlop T90-50, retired after 40 laps, Italian Mauro Martini retired after 19 laps, Johnny Herbert of Britain retired after 17 laps and Brazilian Maurizio Sandro Sara retired after 16 laps. A total of 26 cars started and 15 completed the race.

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only their latest triumphs. Trump

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The king of diamonds opening lead was won in dummy and the Jack of trumps was finessed successfully. Most declarers would have cashed the ace in the hope of dropping a doubleton king, but not Tommy, Such a simple fine of play would have belied his name!

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Traineau, Cicot top iudo contenders

FRANKFURT (R) - Light- of finals heavyweight Stephane Traineau many's Olympic silver medallist of finals. Marc Meiling on home ground in the finals of the European Judo Championships.

The French women had cause to celebrate as well with heavyweigh Christine Cicot winning her first big crown, defeating another West German, Regina Sigmund, in the final.

But French favourite and double world middleweight champion Fabien Canu, hoping to win a fourth European title in a row, lost at the semifinal stage to Axel L'obsenstein of East Germany and had to be satisfied with a bronze.

Traineau, who had promised so much when he first appeared on the international scene three years ago, had a long, tough fight against Meiling before winning on decision.

The result was frustrating for Meiling who had eliminated famous drop shoulder throw to world and European champion good effect. Koba Kurtanidze of the Soviet Union in the semifinals.

The Soviet Union won two of the four men's weight categories light-middleweight because of disputed on the first of two days kidney problems.

Their Soviet Union won two of finally won his first major title the four men's weight categories Saturday by beating West Ger- disputed on the first of two days

> Their most impressive victor was Sergey Kossorotow, a bronze medallist at last year's European championships in Helsinik, who won all his fights with maximum

> With a level of groundwork skill rarely seen among the heavyweights, he turned Harry. Van Barneveld of Belgium into an armlock to win the final in

> Kossorotow's compatriot Bachir Varaev retained his lightmiddleweight title with ease, throwing hungarian Zsolt Zsoldos in the final.

Waldemar Legien, Poland's Olympic light-middleweight champion, made a striking debt in the middleweight category, winning the title and using his

Legien, who surprised himself with his success, said a doctor had advised him not to diet down to

Netherlands wins hockey championship

SYDNEY (R) - The Nether-Sunday, scoring a convincing 3-1 victory over jaded Olympic champions Australia in the final. For the Dutch, who conceded

only one goal in the season games of the tournament, it was sweet revenge for Australia's semifinal victory over them in Seoul. -Their controlled display of strength and skill reaffirmed

Dutch dominance of a sport in which they have won five out of seven world cups. Top seeds Australia, playing in their first world cup final, looked tired despite the vocal support of the home crowd and were unable

to counter the Dutch women's. mastery of the short corner which earned the third seeds two goals. Sweeper Lisanne Lejeune opened the scoring after only eight minutes when, from a short corner, she slammed the ball just inside the left hand post past the

despairing dive of Australian goalminder Maree Fish. It has Lejeune's eight goal, six of which came from short ners, making her the event's top scorer. She was voted player of

the tournament. Australia only threatened in breakaways and wasted a great chance seconds before halftime when Sally Carbon made a 30metre run, outpacing two defenders before crossing to Jacquie Pereira who shot narrowly wide.

The Netherland's second goal, one of the best of the competition came after Wietske de Ruiter slipped round three defenders before flicking the ball past Fish from an acute angle near the

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To their credit Australia struck lands won their third successive back immediately to score the women's World Cup Hockey title first goal the Dutch had conceded. From a penalty corner in the 39th minute Rechelle Hawkes flicked the ball over the Dutch defence. It hit the underside of the bar and bounced down just

over the line. The Dutch snuffed out Australia's hopes 11 minutes later after another penalty corner, Helen Van Der Ben slotting home under Fish's body to score their 19th goal of the tournament.

Dutch coach Roeland Oltmans credited concentration and good defensive organisation for the vic-

"I was afraid after 2-1 because they put a lot of pressure on our Stojkovic, who has signed a predefence but the first half went very, very well," he said.

Australian coach Brian Glencross said: "I think the Netherlands played a very disciplined game, tactically they stopped our flow."



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Marseille after the World Cup, from his squad in a bid to rekindle his best form. It was a risky move, but it worked. In his frist league appearance for Red Star Belgrade after the

thrills

crowds

IMOLA, Italy (R) - Italian Ric-

cardo Patrese thrilled a huge

crowd Sunday when he took his

Williams to a stylish victory in an

incidnet-packed San Marino

Patrese, driving in his 195th

grand prix, claimed the third win

of his career in a time of one hour

30 minites and 55.478 seconds.

Austrian Gerhard Berger in a

McLaren ws second ahead of

another Italian Alessandro Nan-

The fact that two Italians

finished in the first three went

some way towards allaying the

disappointment of local fans at

seeing only one Ferrari complete

That was driven by world

champion Alain Prost of France

who came home fourth ahead of

Brazilian Nelson Piquet in the

second Benetton and Frenchman

Jean Alesi who was sixth in his

Nigel Mansell of Britain retired

with a blown engine in his Ferrari

ZAGREB (R) — Yugoslav coach

Ivica Osim has been using all

motivate his players during the

Osim has directed his fiercest

words towards the team's key

creative influence and undoubted

star Dragan Stojkovic. He said he

thought too much of himself as

the Maradona of the East and

suggested he had failed to apply

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He even hinted he might con-

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stinging attack, Stojkovic was back to his best. most of Red Star's play, produced a succession of long passes to all parts of the pitch and helped lead his team

mates to their 18th win of the scason. Osim ws delighted but said his threats were serious. "It wasn't only that I wanted to frighten

Stoikovic, I was serious. He real-

He admitted it would have means at his disposal, including public criticism and threats, to been a disaster to drop the player who did most to ensure Yugosla-

ly was not good enough for me,"

Patrese | Seles crushes Navratilova.

ROME (R) - Yugoslavian 16-

year-old Monica Seles crushed

top seed Martina Navratilova 6-1.

6-1 to win the Italian Open

women's tennis championship in

allowed the American - more

than twice her age - to settle

down and she dominated the

court with her fast and accurate

two-handed game.
For Navranilova it was her third

final in five appearances at a

tournament she has never man-

aged to win. For Seles it was a

remarkable debut at the clay

Seles, winning her fourth tournament final in succession,

extended her current unbeaten

run to 20 matches and now looks

the biggest threat to world num-

ber one Steffi Graf of West Ger-

many, an absentee here, for the

The fragile-looking Yugoslav

dropped only 14 games in five matches as she powered her way

Navratilova had won her three

previous clashes with Seles on a

carnet surface — the last time in

Washington in February by 6-3,

French Open title later this

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to victory here.

Third-seeded Seles never

spectacular style Sunday.

wins Italian tournament

"I'd never played her on clay

before," Navratilova said. "The

good serve came right back. I was

Seles's consistency demoralised

Seles broke Navratilova in the

double faults, and she allowed

the American former world num-

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Seles went 4-1 up with two

lova, eight-timese Wimbledon

champion, tried but failed two

make her presence felt at the net.

first set in 25 minutes and needed

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In the second set, Navratilova

tried to stage a revival when she

But Seles, a popular champion

with the Rome crowd, allowed

her opponent few more points

and clinched the title on her first

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The Yugoslav wrapped up the

always playing catch-up."

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Threats used to motivate

via's spectacular and safe qualification for the finals. Stojkovic's form, however, was

not the only problem. He has missed several matches this year because of the recurrence of an old knee injury.

"It's an old injury which keeps coming back, but I am not too worried," said Stojkovic. "With careful maintenance and not too intense preparation before Italy, I can esily survive without drastic

Stoikovic, holder of 21 cans and scorer of five international goals, is considered Yugoslavia's outstanding player and the most feared member of the Red Star side too.

This means he has frequently been the target of rival defenders to reduce the

punishment he can inflict. "That certainly doesn't help, said Stojkovic. They all think that the simplest way to stop Red Star is to stop me."

Stojkovic is certain the World Cup will be crucial to his future. The time has come to think of the future, which is obviously

outside Yugoslavia for me," he said. "I naturally want to shine in Italy."

Born into a fanatical soccer family, Stojkovic was named after Red Star's famous former international star Dragan Dzajic. Five years ago, Dzajic, now a

team director, called the talented young forward to Belgrade from the Serbian provincial centre of Nis. Stojkovic has never locked He adapted quickly to both his

new team and the big city and now revels in all the trappings of stardom, including hiding behind sun-glasses and the tinted windows of his Mercedes car when he wishes to avoid the fans. "He is Yugoslavia's most vital

player. There is no doubt about Osim said. "Dropping him from the team would call for a complete change of tactics... but I am prepared for anything."

Osim has already been forced to make one major change to his n and his tactics because of French club Sochaux.

choice sweeper, was banned after failed to pass the first round. spitting at a referee during a World Cup qualifying match with Norway last September.

On the brighter side, Osim has several youngsters who were better record," he said.

Yugoslav soccer players members of Yugoslavia's trium-

> Red Star's Robert Prosinecki and Dinamo Zagreb's Zvonimir Boban, both 21, local main promising and it is virtually contact Osim will include them in his

phant 1987 under-21 team now

making their mark on the senior

Both players have made a comple of appearance directly to the national team and have beau praised for their organising ability

and powerful shooting. Osim is expected to rely heavily, however, on the "foreign legion" of at least seven players based with West European clubs when he announces his final

His old friend from Sarajevo, Safet Susic, is likely to be included at 35. Susic is well respected by the rest of the team," Osim said. "So including him will

also have a psychological effect." Susic, who has been with Paris the one-year suspension given to St. Germain for the last three defender Mehmed Bazdarevic of years and has a French passport, played in the World Cup finals in Bazdarevic, who was the first-, 1982 when Yugoslavia dismally

> Since then he has accumulated 45 caps and scored a total of 20 goals. But he still yearns for success. "I want to retire with a

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Coup foiled in Madagascar

ANTANANARIVO (R) — Rebels seized the state radio station on the Indian Ocean Republic of Madagascar early Sunday, but the government quickly regained control after the coup attempt failed to secure mass support.

After several hours of confu- it was not clear what had hapsion, the government said it was pened to the rebels. a control. Residents in the capitat. Antananarivo, said police were firing tear gas at small groups of stone-throwing demonstrators supporting the rebels.

A rebel group took over Radio Madagascar, the island's only redio station, shortly after dawn and announced the setting up of a "republican government of public

"The Democratic Republic of madagascar is replaced by the Republic of Madagascar," the rebel statement said.

Four hours later, the radio broadcast a communique from Prime Minister Victor Ramahhatra saying: "All institutions of the state are in place."

The rebels said their action was intended to end 15 years of dictatorship by President Didier Ratsiraka and his family which had impoverished the country. They named a retired army general as the new head of state before the Madagascar, one of the poorest

countries in Africa with per capita income of \$200 a year, lies 250 miles off the East African state of Mozambique.

Diplomats and residents said 4,000 to 5,000 policemen loyal to Ratsiraka ringed the radio station. There were no other signs of military activity.

Only a small group of about 300 protesters responded to a He gave no further details and rebel appeal to the population to announced at end to Ratsiraka's



take to the streets. They chanted anti-government slogans and threw stones at the police who responded with tear gas.

It was not clear if General Jean Rokotoharison, the man named in the rebel announcement as the new head of state, was personally involved in the coup attempt.

It appeared to be a carbon copy of a "radio coup" last July when six men seized the station and

Madagascar, a former French colony, has started a programme of political liberation to comple ment economic reforms launched

Political parties not linked to the ruling coalition were legalised in March

About a dozen parties covering the entire political spectrum have since sprung up and diplomats say the present climate on the island

The government has also

Radio network reported.

bombings that have killed about 200 people in the last eight months. Many of those bombings were aimed at forcing the govern-

3 Bogota car bombs kill 25

radio reports said. Two car bombs exploded Saturday in shopping areas of Bogota, killing at least 19 people and wounding 143 — 13 critically, the Health Ministry said.

prevent looting.

Every available policeman and No one claimed immediate responsibility, but police Col. Jose Camelo said the bombs were the work of drug traffickers.

Hours later, six people were killed and at least 20 more were wounded when another car bomb exploded outside a restaurant packed with customers in the southern city of Cali, the Caracol

Authorities said the bombines were part of a war between drug traffickers in Medellin and a rival group in Cali for control of the New York City cocaine market. Since the war began in 1988, more than 50 persons have died in bombings targetting Cali cartel

BOGOTA (AP) — Three car

bombs exploded Saturday in Col-

ombia, killing 25 people and

wounding at least 163 in a wave of

attacks apparently carried out by

drug traffickers, officials and

ment to give up its tactic of arresting traffickers and extraditing them to the United States for trial on drug charges there.

Hundreds of policemen and soldiers swarmed into the bombed-out areas of Bogota to

soldier was ordered into the capital's streets to look for more bombs and to try to find the bombers, the Defence Ministry

The wounded were sent to five hospitals and a red cross station, which all appealed for blood

The two bombs in the capital exploded within minutes of each other about 4:15 p.m. (2115 GMT). One bomb was at the Niza Shopping Centre in northern Bogota and the other at the Cafam Shopping Centre in a working class neighbourhood of Quirigua in northwest Bogota, the radio network RCN reported.

packed with people making last minute purchases for Mother's Day the following day when the bombs exploded, RCN reported. The bombs damaged buildings. cars, taxis and buses and set some vehicles ablaze.

The two shopping centres were

Many of those injured in Quirigua had been passengers aboard a commuter bus that was passing by when the bomb, estimated to contain 220-pounds of dyana-

mite, exploded, RCN said. Four children, including a 4year-old boy and a 7-year-old girl, were among the dead in Ouirigua, RCN reported.

The blast caused extensive damage to several buildings, radio reports said.

The bomb in the Niza neighbourhood exploded in a shopping centre parking lot across the street from a new three story shopping mall where 20 foot high plate glass windows exploded upon shoppers inside.

Two people were killed there. said Bogota Mayor Andres Pastrana in a live broadcast inter-

Military to present pared-down plans for U.S. defence spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's military leaders open negotiations this week with Defence Secretary Dick Cheney on pared-down spending proposals that by 1997 would cut six divisions from the army, slash dozens of warships and defer missile programmes, Pentagon sources

The spending plans, which were drafted by the civilian and military chiefs for the army, navy and air force, were formally submitted to Cheney's office on May

"There are no surprises here," said one source, who noted that the proposals, which cover the years 1992-97, are far from being finalised. "It's a submission. The final decisions are up to Cheney, up to the president.'

All of the officials who spoke of the plans did so on condition of anonymity, given that the plans are considered classified. - The chiefs' suggestions came as

Capitol Hill is putting great pressure on Cheney to clarify the Pentagon's long-range spending goals in this time of reduced superpower tensions and reduced nce of a major land war in Europe.

Lawmakers complain they can't debate President George Bush's \$303-billion budget submission for fiscal 1991 without this guidance.

Some want to slash \$15 billion to \$20 billion from the single-year spending plan, while Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn has set his

services will present their argu-

everal days, another source said. The secretary must make the final decisions about the proposals sometime this summer as part of the Pentagon's complex budget process. Bush will submit his 1992

Chency has ordered the service chiefs to cut spending by 2 per cent below the rate of inflation in each year from 1992 to 1997, and in that light, the plans are supposed to be the first thorough review of the military's long-term

ary's hands, and now the real debate begins," said one Penta-

645,000.

- Slashing the navy's ship strength from 542 to 448. - Cutting carrier battle groups from 14 to 12, while seeking a with an option to build more in the future.

Vice Adm. Daniel L. Cooper, the service's top submarine officer, told Congress in March the navy initially wanted 24 submarines, to be built one a year at a cost of about \$1.2 billion each. The navy also has considered stretching out production, which would result in 21 ships built.

- Paring 50,000 active-duty navy slots and around 40,000 air force active duty personnel. - Slashing nearly in half the air force's B-2 Stealth bomber

programme from 132 to 75. - Putting off deployment of the MX rail garrison and the development of the Midgetman single-warhead missile. - Retiring the 200 Minuteman

II intercontinental ballistic mis-

Even though the chiefs have been forced to suggest the cuts, that doesn't mean they are happy with them or want to see them finalised, several sources said.

Despite the suggestion that the Garrett III still intends to argue for 14 carrier battle groups, one source said.

"Cooper wants at least 21 (Trident) submarines. Garrett wants 14 carriers," the source said. The official said the navy wants an option to readjust its programme so that it could switch funds around and "buy back" ships in

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Bush chides press for shirking exercise

COLUMBIA, South Carolina (R) — President George Bush has jokingly lectured the White House press corps about shriking exercise, telling journalists they should follow his example and "get out there and run." "A fit America is a fine America. A fit America is a strong America. A fit America should include photo dogs (his pet name for news photographers), as well as print reporters who slovenly sit ... while some of us are out running," he told reporters in his entourage after completing an early morning two-mile run. You lazy guys, get out there and

Bardot goes on TV

rm," he said.

PARIS (AP) — Brigitte Bardot went on national television and used graphic film footage to condemn the capture and sale of wild animals. Miss Bardot, 55, was the host of "SOS Animal Trafficking," the latest in a series on animal abuse. Other progammes have targeted vivisection, the ivory trade and the slaughter of elephants. The sex symbolturned-animal rights activist said public reaction to her programmes has been overwhelmingly positive. "Hunters have sent me their hunting licenses, tourists have burned their ivory bracelets, doctors support me in my fight against vivisection, and the sale of horse meat in France has dropped by 30 per cent," she said.

Woman hospitalised after 4-year Chernobyl 'phobla'

LANGEBOOM, Netherlands (AP) — A 24-year-old Dutch woman has been hospitalised after years of living under a plastic sheet and eating canned food for fear of radiation from the Chernobyl nuclear accident, police said Saturday. The woman spent at least two years wrapped in the sheet and left her couch in the family home only to go to the bathroom, according to national policeorspokesman Arie Van Turnbout. An investigation revealed that the woman hadn't washed and ate only canned food since the April 30, 1986, explonavy's carrier fleet could be re- sion of the Soviet nuclear power duced, Navy Secretary Lawrence plant, Van Turnhout told the talised last month with an inflamed bladder after her parents

High-roller loses \$10m at Trump casino

ATLANTIC CITY (R) — A high-rolling gambler from Japan who took \$6.2 million from casino owner Donald Trump in February came back this week for another try, but this time he went home baving left about \$10 million behind, a casino spokesman said. A spokesman for the Trump Plaza here said that Akio Kashiwagi, a 53-year-old Tokyo real estate investor, had spent most of the week playing baccarat and at one point was winning more than \$9 million. Gambiers who watched at the table where Kashiwagi and two friends were playing said the bet was often \$200,000 a hand. Baccarat is a game played against the house in which each hand tries to get closest to nine with 10 through king cards counting as zero. A spokesman quoted Trump as saying "we had a good run" as the casino turned the \$9.6 million loss into a gain of roughly the same size. Kashiwagi tried to resume play, but the casino declined to accept his bets. "Frankly, you have to be in the mood," Trump said, according to his spokesman, who added that he did not know if Kashiwagi would try again.

Son of Chicago mob chief wins share of illinois lottery

CHICAGO (AP) — They say that Anthony, "Big Tuna" Accarde made part of his fortune from illegal gambling. But his son just became a millionaire on a per-fectly legal, one-dollar bet. Anthony Ross Accardo stepped forward this week to claim his share of \$5.9 million Illinois state lottery lotto Jackpot. The younger Accardo, 54, and his partner, Joseph P. Cohen, 44, held a ticket that won half of the first prize from the April 7 Jotto drawing. The two said they were forming the "C and A part-nership" to receive the payments. The Chicago Sun-Times reported that Accardo is the son of "Big Tuna" Accardo, 84. The younger Accardo, who has no criminal record, is a member of the Motion Picture Projectionists Union. He said he would use his share of the winnings to take an early retirement.

Aquino wants to keep friendly ties with U.S.

MANILA (R) -- President Corazon Aquino said Sunday, the eve outside the United States. of talks on the future of U.S. military bases whose lease runs out next year, that the Philippines wanted to preserve friendly relations with the United States.

But Aquino, speaking on national television, gave no hint whether she would agree to renew the lease on the bases, which Washington considers vital to the defence of the Pacific and Indian

ATAL threats and protest rals showing that national feelings against the bases is rising, police but more than 1,000 men on alert taide 14-hour security for .. e wiks.

"We are entering into these ralks prepared to maintain our friendly relations with the United States, keeping in mind that any friendship must be based on respect for each other's rights and adherence to principles," Aquino

The exploratory talks will determine whether the two countries will go on to negotiate a treaty allowing the United States to go on using Clark Air Base. Subic Bay Naval Base and four smaller installations in the Philip-

largest American military bases

Former Assistant Defence Secretary Richard Armitage arrived in Manila to head the U.S. team at the talks opening at the Central Bank building overlook-

ing Manila Bay. The tight security measures were prompted by warnings from Communist guerrillas that they would step up attacks on U.S. targets to force the removal of the

Guerrillas have killed eight Americans in ambushes around the country during the past two and a half years.

Right-wing army dissidents, who have tried to overthrow Aquino in six coup attempts, accused Washington Saturday of intervening in Philippine affairs and said the bases must be

About 700 left-wing protesters beld a peaceful rally in a Manila plaza Sunday to demand the removal of the bases. Other leftwing groups planned a separate protest March to the U.S. embas-The Philippines is expected to

demand more money in exchange for extending the lease on the bases. Washington has said its budget is severely strained and it

Clark and Subic Bay are the will move the bases if necessary. Pope calls on Mexico to legally recognise church

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Pope to be considered and treated not John Paul II has completed a trip to Mexico during which he called for legal recognition of the

Pope John Paul declared Satur-

day that the Mexican government should not consider the Roman Catholic Church a constitutional enemy, but rather an ally in the fight for a more moral society. 'In a state of law, the full and

effective recognition of religious freedom should be the fruit and guarantee of civil liberties," Pope John Paul told Mexico's bishops in his strongest call yet for legal recognition of the church. Despite being overwhelmingly

Catholic, Mexico has harsh restrictions on church activity, including bans on church property and participation in education and political life, that date back to 1859. The church was for many years

considered a reactionary force by the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, but in recent years the restrictions have been loosely enforced.

"The church in Mexico wants

as something strange, nor as an enemy that must be confronted and fought, but as an ally of all that is good, noble and beautiful," Pope John Paul said.

He made his remarks in an address dedicating a new headquarters for the Roman Catholic Episcopal Conference of Mexico in the industrial suburb of Cuautitian, 15 miles north of Mexico City.

The Pope added that the church could help the Mexican government by strengthening family life and giving young peo-ple — the majority of the population — deeper moral values. Pope John Paul also expressed

profound satisfaction for the climate of greater understanding" with the government, illustrated by President Carlos Salinas de Gortari's recent naming of a personal envoy to the Vatican.

Pope John Paul also reviewed for the bishops many of the themes that he had already touched on during his stay in

E. German Stalinists beheaded political prisoners in 1950s

EAST BERLIN (R) — East Germany's former Stalinist regime secretly guillotined 62 political prisoners and burned their bodies in the 1950s, according to the state crematorium director in

"The time has come when I simply can no longer cover up,' Dietmar Hildebrand told the East

German News Agency.
He said he was speaking out because East Germany's new democracy had encouraged people to renew inquiries into the fate of relatives who were arrested and vanished in the early

Quoting death certificates, trial records and statements by witnesses, Hildebrand said 62 people were beheaded between July 1952 and January 1960 in the former execution chamber in Dresden of the Nazi-era People's

Victims were strapped to a plank without blindfolds in the

early hours and guillotined, he said. The bodies were burned at the crematorium which Hildebrand has headed since 1984.

To cover up the executions, Hildebrand said, government doctors listed natural causes of death, often heart failure, on obituary notices, relatives dared not challenge them.

The late Walter Ulbricht, the first of East Germany's two absolutist Communist leaders, was in power at the time. Erich Honecker, who succeeded Ulbricht in 1971, was forced from office by a pro-democracy uprising last year. Hildebrand's disclosure was

the latest in an anguished public

examination of East Germany's

Stalinist past since the country embraced democracy last Mass graves containing people killed by Stalin's security police in Soviet-occupied Germany shortly after World War II were disco-

vered in March and April.

Bush signs human rights proclamation on China

WASHINGTON (AP) — President George Bush has signed a proclamation calling on Peking to respond positively" to the prodemocracy aspirations of Chinese demonstrators who were violently suppressed a year ago.

Bush signed a congressional proclamation naming Sunday, May 13, a National Day in support of human rights. The proclamation asked Amer-

spirit of commemorating those who died" around Peking's Tiananmen Square during a Chinese military crackdown. It said people should observe the day, "drawing inspiration from the courage of those who held fast to their ideals in the face of violent suppression, and urging the Chinese government to re-

spond positively to the fun-

damental aspirations for freedom

expressed in last year's demonstrations." "These are the same fundamental aspirations as profoundly expressed by people around the world during the momentous events we are still witnessing - events that are daily advancing the cause of freedom

and human rights." Congress passed the proclamation Friday and sent it to the president.

Bush, the U.S. diplomatic representative to Peking in the mid-1970s, has been criticised for failing to take stricter economic and political measures to show displeasure with China's repressive and violent tactics.

The proclamation notes the June 3-4 violent attacks on thousands of Chinese protesters

by tanks and armed forces. "This action, far beyond the legitimate requirements of law and order, resulted in the deaths of hundreds of unarmed citizens," Bush's statement said. "In the months that followed, thousands more were detained and otherwise punished for their peaceful expression of political

views." However, he stated, "steps have been taken in recent months that have resulted in some im-

provement. "The United States hopes that these steps will be followed by others that will demonstrate China's return to the path of reform," Bush said.

Bush has decried "the tragic consequences of four decades of Communist rule" and proposed a "citizens democracy corps" to help Eastern Europe rebuild its political and legal systems.

He said the corps' first job would be to set up a clearinghouse for U.S. private assistance and volunteer programme "to strengthen the foundations of free society in Eastern Europe." icans to observe the day "in the The corps' mandate will be to

> areas such as law, business, health and the environment. It would be started with federal funds. After that, it is expected to provide its own funding through private contributions.

deal with requests for help in

The president announced the programme in a commencement address at the University of South California. With a series of five commencement addresses this month.

Bush is laying the foundation for summit talks with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev beginning May 30 in Washington. In large measure, the speeches have focused on changes in Eastern Europe with the collapse of

communism.

Hungary stand now, in the spring of 1990, as America stood in the summer of 1787," Bush told the South Carolina audience. Who will be their Franklins their Washingtons, their Hamiltons, their Madisons, their men and women of towering genius?

'Poland, Czechoslovakia and

in place the firm foundations of self-government?" He said, "we can help them build political systems based on respect for individual freedoms, for the right to speak our mind, to live as we wish and to worship as

The nation-builders who will set

our conscience tells us we must." A statement released by the White House said the "citizens democracy corps" would mobilise and coordinate American private sector initiatives for Eastern

Europe. In particular, the agency will deal with requests in the areas of constitutional law and parliamentary procedures: English-language training; journalism; public health and medical support; banking, financial services and market economics; business law, commercial practices and agriculture and environmental protec-

that makes sharply reduced Penproduction with the 18th ship, but tagon spending a near certainty. Following a formal presentation on strategy Monday by Gen. Colin Powell, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, each of the

ments about their recommendations to Cheney over a period of

udget to Congress next January.

'They are now in the secretgon source.

Many of the proposals have been reported in recent weeks as the service chiefs debated their options. The Pentagon sources said the major points include: forces by six divisions, which

would cut the active duty force to 580,000 from 764,000. - Paring the army's reserve force from the current 776,000 to

new aircraft carrier in 1996.

the future if world events sour, limit at \$298 billion, a number - Stopping Trident submarine the source said. Quake causes damage in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) - An earthquake registering 6.7 on the Richter shook New Zealand's North Island Sunday, destroying a two-story building and shattering windows as well as nerves, officials said.

Officials said they had no reports of injuries. The quake, which struck at 4:23 p.m. (0523 GMT), destroyed a building in the town of Danne-

virke, officials said. Sue Emery, editor of the Dannevirke Evening News newspaper, said police had blocked off the town's main thoroughfare to clean up the debris and to clear dozens of shattered window

There was no power in the

town for an hour after the

southwest of Dannevirke, as a rolling motion lasting several

"The quake felt horrendous," said Emery. "It's pretty chaotic here. People are going in all

The quake was felt in the capital of Wellington, 274 kilometres

Dr. Marion Leiba, a spokeswoman for the Australian Seismological Centre in Canberra. said the epicenter of the quake appeared to be offshore, roughly 150 miles northeast of Welling-

ton, in the South Pacific. A Dannevirke police spokesman, Senior Constable Les Trigg, confirmed one building had collapsed and said a shopping plaza had been sealed off after large concrete beams cracked, exposing the steel reinforcing.

No further details were immediately available.

'Citizens democratic corps' Brutality, refugees and destruction of forest on Burma's border alarms aid agencies

By Denis D. Gray Associated Press

MAELETA, Burma (AP) — Companions said Soe Win, a villager kidnapped by Burmese troops, collapsed on a forced border trek, his strength sapped by lung disease and the huge load of rice and mortar shells on his

Because he was no longer useful as a porter, they said, a soldier of the 66th Infantry Division smashed Soe Win's head against a rock half a dozen times and kicked his lifeless body down the mountainside. Two other porters said they witnessed the death and were able to escape.

Many stories like theirs are

heard along the frontier between Thailand and Burma. A decadesold war between Burma's repressive government and ethnic minorities seeking autonomy has turned the frontier into region of brutality, deceit and despoiled environment. And a growing tide of refugees is beginning to alarm

The war initially attracted little

foreign aid agencies.

attention because it was remote and Burma kept foreigners out of the area, but the scale and violence have grown dramatically in recent years.

After brutally crushing a prodemocracy uprising in September 1988, the military rulers in Rangoon turned their attention to the Thai border. Burma was bankrupt, but ethnic rebels were making millions of dollars smuggling con-

ber and sometimes narcotics across a porous frontier 2,172 kilometres long. Most of the world has shunned the Rangoon generals, who found allies in powerful Thai military

sumer goods, jade, antiques, tim-

and business circles.

Deals were made. The Thais got access to one of the world's last great teak forests in exchange for hard currency, part of which financed an army campaign to clear the border so the deals could be carried out. Conservation groups and the

U.S. Congress have criticised the

The scale of the logging is

destruction of the forest.

mind-boggling," a Western offi-cial said on condition of anonymity. "The Thais are hacking it out as fast as they can. They know the boneymoon won't last forever. By most accounts, the Burmese army's border campaign has been

Refugees, aid workers, escaped porters and guerrillas along the frontier and in rebelcontrolled areas of Burma told of viliages razed and rise stocks burned.

They spoke of civilians tor-tured and shot, including children. Of whole village popula-tions taken from their homes and herded into areas controlled by the military. Two groups of porters, totalling 50 men and boys ranging in

age from a 57-year-old farmer to

a 14-year-old cowherd, described

gruelling marches, starvation

diets and walking ahead of the soldiers as human mine detectors. Others were shot down while trying to escape, they said. Several of the survivors, who included ethnic minorities and majority Burmese, had scars they said resulted from beatings. Wallace Yay, coordinator of aid to refugees from the Karen minority in Thailand, said: "The Burmese military has shown a

own. but in minority areas it just lets loose." "I don't think genocide is too strong a term to describe what the Burmese military is doing," said Court Robinson of the U.S. Committee for Refugees, a private group. "It is clear they are trying to eliminate the ethnics as a political and cultural entity."

tions, including those Amnesty International made in two detailed reports issued in 1988. Amnesty International, a human rights group based in Lon-don, cited "a consistent pattern of gross violations of human against the Karen, Kachin, Mon, Karenni and Shan

It and other organizations also have noted the use of terrorist tactics by guerrilla groups, but no evidence has emerged that the scale or intensity of such acts



The border campaign has spurred flight into Thailand, increas-

ing the number of refugees in the frontier area to at least 40,000. Most are from ethnic minorities, but they also include Burmese students and other dissidents several thousand of whom joined the rebels during the 1988 repres-

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